

## 51 reported killed in Afghan bombing

PESHAWAR (R) — Fifty-one people were killed and 105 injured on Monday when warplanes bombed a Pakistani village near the Afghan border, Pakistani local authorities said. The political agent for Kurram Agency, a wild, mountainous region west of Peshawar, told Reuters four planes came over the border from Afghanistan just after mid-day and bombed the village of Teri Mangal. Fifty people, Afghan refugees and Pakistanis, were killed and 101 injured in the raid, he said by telephone from Kurram. The agent, the chief Pakistani official for Kurram Agency, said four planes made a second attack three-and-a-half hours later. In this assault one person was killed and four injured. But the death toll could rise as many buildings were destroyed and people could have been buried in the rubble, he said. No reaction from Afghanistan's Soviet-backed authorities was immediately available. Pakistan said planes of the Communist-led Afghan government made two bombing raids into Pakistan on Feb. 26 and 27, one of them in Kurram Agency. Some 90 people were killed and 250 injured in the attacks, according to Pakistani officials.

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## 8 killed in Indian election violence

NEW DELHI (R) — At least eight people were killed and 130 injured on Monday as three of India's 24 states went to the polls in elections considered Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's toughest popularity test yet, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported. PTI said all the killings took place in the southern state of Kerala, but there was also scattered violence in West Bengal and Jammu and Kashmir, the two other states where polling took place in elections for state assemblies. PTI reported high turnouts in the three states, in which 54 million people were eligible to vote. It said eight people were stabbed, beaten or stoned to death and 100 injured in unprecedented election violence in Kerala between rival supporters of the ruling coalition led by Mr. Gandhi's Congress (I) party and a communist led-front. Mr. Gandhi's party is facing a major challenge from the leftist front in Kerala, the last state it controls in southern India. PTI said arson and looting was under way in the Kerala village of Chimeni after five leftist party workers were killed there by Congress militants. In Calcutta, capital of West Bengal, police fired tear gas and two shots in the air to stop a street battle pitting 50 supporters of the ruling Marxist-led front against 50 Congress militants, officials told Reuters.

## King sends good wishes to Pakistan

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein on Monday sent a cable to Pakistani President Zia ul-Haq congratulating him on the occasion of Pakistan's National Day. In his cable, King Hussein said the strong spirit of cooperation and the brotherly relations existing between Jordan and Pakistan would be strengthened to serve the interests of both Jordan and Pakistan as well as the Muslim World.

## AOAS chief reelected

AQABA (J.T.) — Dr. Nasser Sayegh was re-elected as director general of the Amman-based Arab Organisation for Administrative Sciences (AOAS) for a new four-year term. Dr. Sayegh was elected during a meeting here for the organisation's board of directors.

## Iraq reshuffles cabinet

NICOSIA (AP) — Issam Abdul Rahim was appointed as Iraq's oil minister in a limited reshuffle of the cabinet in Baghdad Monday, the Iraqi News Agency reported. Mr. Abdul Rahim, who was the undersecretary at the Oil Ministry, replaces Qassem Ahmad Taqi who became minister of heavy industries. Mr. Taqi replaced Subhi Yassin, who was appointed advisor at the presidency office, said the agency. Abdul Jabbar Abdul Rahim was relieved of his post as minister of transport.

## Council meets on private sector health

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Higher Council of Health on Monday held a meeting under the chairmanship of Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh and discussed issues pertaining to the proposed health insurance scheme for the private sector. The council noted that the Social Security Corporation law provides for applying health insurance to SSC subscribers at a later stage. In the light of this, the council decided to form an ad hoc committee, chaired by Dr. Hamzeh and grouping the president of the University of Jordan and the president of the Jordan Medical Association, to take up the issue with the board of directors of the SSC and its director general.

## Arafat sends message to Mubarak

CAIRO (R) — A senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official arrived here on Monday with a message from PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, officials said. Foreign Ministry officials said the message carried by Mr. Arafat's political adviser Hani Al Hassan dealt with the latest Palestinian developments.

## Brandt resigns as party chief

BONN (AP) — Willy Brandt, the former West German chancellor and a Nobel Peace prize winner, resigned Monday as chairman of the opposition Social Democrat. Mr. Brandt, who had led Germany's oldest political party since 1964, quit amid a party uproar over his selection of a Greek woman and non-party member, Margarita Mathiopoulos, as the Social Democrats' new chief spokeswoman.

## Masri: Jordan will not accept int'l conference as a cover for direct talks

By Jordan Times Staff Reporters

AMMAN — Jordan is continuing dialogue with the U.S. administration on convening an international peace conference to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict and rejects any concept that reduces such a conference to "a cover for direct negotiations" with no real effective role, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri said Monday.

Despite the differing views of Jordan and the U.S. over the issue, Amman and Washington are continuing the dialogue with the ultimate aim of convening the proposed conference in its proper form, Mr. Masri told an informal gathering of local and foreign journalists.

"The dialogue will not stop," said Mr. Masri. "We shall find other ways to intensify efforts at higher levels to change the minds of the Americans," he said.

American officials have repeatedly said that the U.S. was seeking direct negotiations between Israel and the concerned Arab states and have expressed no real enthusiasm for the conference idea as proposed by Jordan.

Mr. Masri noted that while the U.S. had not accepted the proposal in its form it had also not rejected it either. Washington "is not categorically rejecting the proposal but they (American officials) want to check some details," he said explaining that the U.S. administration opposed the idea of the proposed role for such a conference.

Answering reporters' questions at the weekly "Monday Press Circle" organised by Dr. Musa Kellani, director of the Press and Publications Department of the Ministry of Information, Mr. Masri made it clear that Jordan was seeking a "proper international conference" with the active participation of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and all parties involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Jordan cannot accept the American and Israeli ideas of turning the conference as a ceremonial function to launch direct talks between Israel and the concerned Arab states, said the foreign minister.

Mr. Masri reiterated Jordan's commitment to a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to the proposed conference as outlined in the Feb. 11, 1985, agreement on political coordination between Jordan and the PLO. At the same time, said the minister, Jordan insists the PLO accept U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 before the Kingdom would resume the suspended political coordination.

Mr. Masri explained that the demand that the PLO accept 242 "on its own" did not reflect a Jordanian precondition as much as it represented the prerequisites put forward by other parties, notably the U.S., before PLO participation was accepted at the called-for conference.

In reply to a question on reports that the Fatah faction of the PLO has decided to abrogate the Feb. 11 accord, Mr. Masri said he doubted PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat would agree to such a move. Reports from Tunis indicated that Fatah had agreed to annul the accord as part of an agreement it reached with several other PLO factions to convene a session of the Palestine National Council (PNC) in Algiers on April 20. PLO Executive Committee member Mohammad Milhem was recently quoted as saying the PNC was not expected to abrogate the Feb. 11 accord.

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## UAE urges EC bid for Mideast peace

ABU DHABI (Agencies) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) told France on Monday the 12-nation European Community (EC) should make rapid efforts to help achieve peace in the Middle East, the Emirates News Agency (WAM) said.

WAM said UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahayan made the point in talks with visiting French Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond.

It said Sheikh Zayed expressed appreciation for France's role within the EC, which backs proposals for an international Middle East peace conference.

Sheikh Zayed said French efforts to achieve international peace and stability had won it a special place in the Middle East and he urged Paris to "continue following a just and unbiased policy to support causes of truth and justice."

Mr. Raimond arrived from Oman on Monday for a two-day official visit. WAM said his talks with Sheikh Zayed touched on the Iran-Iraq war, Middle East peace efforts, the situation in Lebanon and ways to strengthen bilateral ties.

Mr. Raimond told reporters in Muscat Sunday night that France was deeply concerned about the Iran-Iraq war and that its attempts to improve ties with Tehran would not alter good relations with Arab states. He also said France was exerting efforts towards convening an international conference on the Middle East.

France and the UAE expressed concern over the recent escalation of the war and attacks on merchant shipping in the Gulf, WAM said.

In talks between Mr. Raimond and the UAE minister of state for foreign affairs, Rashid Abdullah Al Nuaimi, the two sides called for an immediate end to the conflict, now in its seventh year.

WAM said Mr. Raimond briefed the UAE on French efforts to advance Middle East peace and underlined support for the formation of an international committee to prepare a conference, proposed by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev last July.

The UAE expressed appreciation for France's policy on the Palestinian issue and urged Paris to step up efforts to help achieve a solution that guarantees the Palestinians' right to self-determination, it added.

In a separate development, Kuwait and Guinea also called for an end to the Gulf war.

That call was made by Guinean President Lansana Conte and the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Al Ahmad Al Sabah at the end of a three-day visit to the emirate by the African leader.

Diplomatic sources in the Gulf said Sunday that Mr. Raimond sought to assure the leaders of Oman and the UAE that France would contribute to efforts by U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to end the war.

## School for disabled hit in Israeli air raid in Sidon

SIDON, Lebanon (Agencies) — Israel on Monday launched its second air raid in four days against South Lebanon, devastating a house used by Palestinians and hitting an empty school for handicapped Palestinian children.

Police said two fighters were slightly injured when four U.S.-built F-15s dropped implosion or vacuum bombs in and around a Palestinian camp in the Darb Al Sima area east of Sidon.

Witnesses quoted by Reuters said projectiles devastated a two-storey building used by Palestinian fighters, while other bombs blasted a nearby school for handicapped Palestinian children.

The school lies about 75 metres from the Palestinian centre, but no children were caught in the attack.

"There were no casualties in the school, because none of the 75 children had arrived there at the time of the raid," one resident told Reuters.

In Tel Aviv, a military spokesman claimed the building hit in the raid was used by commandos to plan attacks on Israel.

It was the eighth Israeli raid on Lebanon this year and it came four days after another air strike on Palestinians in the same area wounded one Palestinian fighter.

A spokesman for Fatah, the mainstream commando movement in the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), said commandos — alerted by a series of "mock raids" in the area over the past week — had evacuated the building before Monday's attack and had deployed in hills close by.

Reuters said the jets drew heavy anti-aircraft fire from Palestinian bases in the Sidon region.

Jamal Soleiman, Fatah's commander in Sidon, told reporters his forces had expected the raid.

"The command had ordered our forces to abandon the building and spread across the adjacent valley. This is why we did not sustain casualties," Mr. Soleiman said.

Soon after Monday's attack the Palestinian faction led by Abu Nidal claimed responsibility for a rocket attack on northern Israel Friday.

Abu Nidal's Fatah-Revolutionary Council group said its fighters fired two Soviet-made Katyusha rockets into northern Israel Friday to "avenge a Zionist air raid" against Sidon's Mieh Mieh refugee camp the same day.



KING AWARDS WINNERS: His Majesty King Hussein presents awards to winners of the 3 (Petra photo) Bombay-Amman leg of the Peking-Paris Air Race at

## Iraqis bomb Iranian oilfields; Iran assails U.S. over warships

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraq said its warplanes bombed two of Iran's offshore oilfields on Monday, escalating an air offensive against Iran's economic jugular and sharpening tension over the deployment of anti-ship missiles in the southern end of the Gulf.

Iranian President Ali Khamenei accused the United States of creating insecurity in the Gulf by deploying warships to counter the siting of the missiles at the mouth of the Gulf in the Strait of Hormuz.

A half-hour later, more Iraqi jets carried out a destructive raid on the Cyrus field 36 kilometres south of Nowruz, setting rigs on fire, the radio reported.

Iraqi warplanes attacked the Ardesheir oilfield 16 kilometres south of Nowruz on Sunday, the first Iraqi air raid on Iranian oil centres this year after an Iranian ground offensive ran out of steam.

The Iraqi air force, which had been diverted to counter the Iranian thrusts, has in recent weeks resumed attacks on Iranian tankers.

At least 15 Iranian tankers have been hit this year, the latest on Saturday.

Lloyd's of London Monday identified the vessel as the 162,046-ton Avaj owned by the state-run National Iranian Tanker Co. and said one crewman was killed in the attack.

Baghdad Radio quoted the spokesman as saying the raids Sunday and Monday were part of a "continuing effort to deprive Iran's rulers of their oil which they use for aggressive purposes."

There was no independent confirmation of the latest raids or comment from Tehran.

Iran's vital oil exports are its main source of revenue to pay for the 6½-year-old war that costs an estimated \$1 billion a month.

The latest Iraqi attacks heightened alarm over Iran's reported deployment of Chinese-made anti-ship missiles in the Strait of Hormuz, the southern gateway to the Gulf.

U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger said in Washington Sunday that America was ready to use force to keep the Gulf open to shipping in the face of Iran's deployment of the HY-2 missiles, the Chinese version of the Soviets' SS-N-2 weapon.

Tehran Radio quoted an unidentified Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying Sunday that Iran "will decisively counter any foreign powers' presence that leads to increasing instability and tension in the region."

"Iran therefore warns America and other foreign powers that any interference by them... will be met by a strong response from Iran and other Muslims in the world."

## Britain and France reject inclusion of their forces in arms talks

BENOUILLE, France (R) — French and British leaders agreed on Monday to reject any attempt to involve their nuclear forces in Soviet-American arms control bargaining.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher met President Francois Mitterrand at a Normandy chateau here for two hours of talks before flying on to Bonn to see Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

She told reporters the meeting was almost entirely devoted to arms control and the latest Soviet proposals to unblock Soviet-American talks on removing medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe.

"The U.K. and French independent nuclear deterrents are not involved in these negotiations," she said.

"They are crucial, and their continuance is crucial, to the defence of our two countries," Mrs. Thatcher said.

Mr. Mitterrand, referring to Mrs. Thatcher's visit to Moscow next week, said he had not charged her with any mandate to speak on France's behalf but on this issue "Mrs. Thatcher can very well say it on behalf of our two countries."

The British leader said the talks with Mr. Mitterrand "have been very useful in clarifying our position on arms control negotiations."

"Though we will not be a party to them, the whole of Europe and the Western world will be deeply affected by their results, and it is important for our future that those negotiations are right."

## Coup attempt reportedly foiled in Sierra Leone

FREETOWN (R) — Forces loyal to President Joseph Momoh foiled an attempted coup in Sierra Leone early Monday, government sources said.

The revolt was apparently led by senior police officers and there was a gunbattle in the west of capital Freetown, the sources said.

There were no immediate reports of the incident in the official news media.

The revolt included an unsuccessful raid on a military arsenal in Freetown, and a police officer's driver was shot dead during the early morning gunbattle, the sources said. Details of these incidents were unclear.

A senior policeman was arrested on suspicion of leading the coup attempt, police sources said. He was named as Joseph Kai Kai, an assistant superintendent in the New England district of western Freetown.

He and his brother were both detained in handcuffs at the capital's main police station and a search has been mounted for other senior policemen suspected of taking part in the plot, the sources said.

Police and troops patrolled the centre of Freetown, where a population around 300,000, and there was no sign of further trouble.

President Momoh summoned all top ranking police and army officers for discussions Monday morning, government sources said.

Mr. Momoh, a career soldier who had been commander of the army, took over in this former British colony in November 1985 in one of Africa's relatively rare peaceful transfers of power.

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## Sudanese premier threatens action to end Libyan presence

CAIRO (Agencies) — Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi threatened action to end the Libyan presence in Sudan on Monday of failing to withdraw troops from his country and threatened action unless they get out, Egypt's Middle East News Agency (MENA) said.

In a report from the Sudanese capital Khartoum, the state-owned agency said Mr. Mahdi discussed the Libyan military presence and his government's decision to send Tripoli an ultimatum during a meeting of the constituent assembly, Sudan's national parliament.

He said Libya, Sudan's neighbour to the northwest, had sent up to 1,000 men into Sudanese territory adjacent to Chad. It not only vacillated in heeding Khartoum's request to pull them out but directed them to head westwards for attacks on Chadian targets along the common border.

The action by Libya "is deceptive and in violation of Sudan's territorial integrity," the agency quoted Mr. Mahdi as saying.

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# Chadians celebrate capture of Libyan base at Ouadi Doum

N'DJAMENA, Chad (AP) — Several thousand cheering Chadians gathered in Independence Square Monday to mark their support for President Hissene Habre and celebrate the victory of government troops in a battle for the Libyan air base at Ouadi Doum.

The military command reported Sunday night that its troops had ousted the Libyans from the huge base in northern Chad after a brief but extremely violent struggle. The victory was confirmed by the French Defence Ministry in Paris.

There were still no details of the battle nor casualty counts, which officials said would be published later. But the military command said Libyan losses would be "heavy" given the violence of the fighting over what officials called the "gigantic and monstrous stronghold constructed by Libya."

The base at Ouadi Doum was built by Libya between 1983 and 1986, was heavily manned and contained both radar and missile installations. It's 3,800-metre runway is capable of handling the largest military transports and the facility was Libya's main supply base for its occupying forces.

Libya claims it has no troops in Chad and says fighting is between government forces and Chadian rebels. The majority of the rebels have gone over to the government, however. The French and the Americans, who back Mr. Habre, estimate there are more

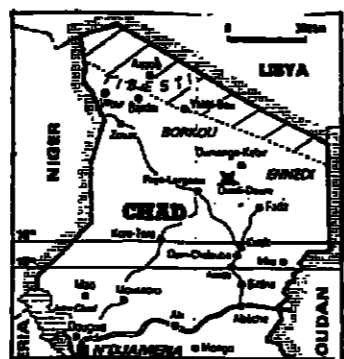
than 11,000 Libyans in the north, including several thousand at Ouadi Doum.

"Reconquer all of Borkou-Ennedi-Tibesti," chanted the crowd in central N'Djamena, referring to the three provinces that make up the northern half of the country, occupied by Libya since 1973.

The rally was held in the presence of numerous political and military leaders, including Foreign Minister Goussard Lassou, representing the president.

"Soon, we will liberate Aouzou," said Mr. Lassou, referring to the 114,000-square-kilometre strip of territory across the top of Chad unilaterally annexed by Libya in 1973. "Soon it will be the final assault."

The official Libyan News Agency JANA quoted rebel forces in Chad as saying they



defeated the attack on Ouadi Doum.

The piles of corpses of French and Zairian troops and the remains of the agent Habre's soldiers and the scorched American and French vehicles are still there at the Ouadi providing testimony to the abominable defeat suffered by the invading imperialist forces," the agency quoted a rebel spokesman as saying.

The loss of Ouadi Doum would be a major setback for Libya's Col. Muammar Qadhafi. It was his main air and ground base for bringing in men and material from Libya to supply northern Chad. That would mean that the garrison at Faya Largeau is cut off from its main supply source.

Last week, the government claimed it killed nearly 800 Libyans and captured about 120 in two battles in the same area.

An assault on either Ouadi Doum or Faya Largeau had been expected ever since the government forces drove the Libyans

from Fada, killing 784 of its defenders and taking more than 100 prisoners.

There also have been continuing government reports of battles between Mr. Habre's forces and Libyans and bombing raids at various localities in the north western Tibesti Mountains.

Col. Qadhafi withdrew his support last fall from the major rebel leader, former President Goukouni Oueddei, whose fighters then switched to the government side. Col. Qadhafi then expressed support for Achekh Ibn Omar as leader of Mr. Goukouni's Transitional Government of National Union (GUNT). Achekh is not believed to have a significant military force.

France has about 2,000 troops in Chad, a former French colony. Most of the French troops are with air force units and radar installations in the south.

France has said it will not get directly involved in the fighting unless the Libyans advance south of the 16th parallel, which divides Chad into the government-controlled south and Libyan-occupied north.

France has twice bombed the Ouadi Doum base in retaliation for Libyan attacks below the line.

Both France and the United States have been providing Mr. Habre with arms and supplies.

The latest fighting began Dec. 11 when Col. Qadhafi sent troops into the Tibesti Mountains to subdue rebels who had switched to the government side.

## Iranian arms dealer 'to tell all to Congress'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Manucher Ghorbanifar, a middleman in the Iran arms deals, says he will testify before the joint congressional committees to reveal "who are the liars and where the money is," according to a published report.

"Everything that was suppressed will come out," Mr. Ghorbanifar said in an interview for Monday's editions of the Washington Times.

The special Senate and House of Representatives committees probing the secret sale of U.S. arms to Iran and the possible diversion of payments to the Nicaraguan rebels are scheduled to open hearings on May 5.

Mr. Ghorbanifar did not say when he would testify, but he said he would tell the panels "what really happened in the arms deals that ultimately embarrassed President Ronald Reagan and left millions of dollars unaccounted for."

The Iranian arms dealer, labeled in U.S. intelligence reports as "a talented fabricator," was used as a contact to Iran, where he has ties to key government leaders. The United States hoped could help win release of American hostages in Lebanon.

It was revealed last week that Mr. Ghorbanifar sent private messages to Mr. Reagan through journalist Barbara Walters, which included an allegation by Mr. Ghorbanifar that payments were made to Iranian officials. Mr. Ghorbanifar himself has been said by other figures in the Iran affair to have received \$600,000 in payoffs siphoned from the arms deals.

The Tower Commission, the presidential panel appointed to investigate the affair, said some of the money may have been diverted to the Nicaraguan contras and some may have been

paid out in the form of kickbacks and payoffs.

In the Times interview, Mr. Ghorbanifar denied he had received any payoffs but said he had in fact lost money and taken great risks for U.S. interests in the region.

"All I got in return was to pay \$60,000 in lawyers' fees. But my turn is coming. Now is the time to talk — and I will have lots more to tell your congressional investigation."

Mr. Ghorbanifar said he sat in a room in Frankfurt, West Germany, with U.S. Central Intelligence Agency officers and former National Security Council aide Oliver North when money changed hands for Tow anti-tank missiles.

Col. North was fired when Attorney General Edwin Meese III publicly revealed last November that money from the Iran arms sales may have been diverted to the contras.

"I gave them copies of the \$10-million payments for the Tow and I told them this was for 1,000 Tows," Mr. Ghorbanifar said of the meeting. "And next day they say they received \$3.5 million. And you mean to tell me they don't know what happened to the rest?"

Mr. Ghorbanifar said he had been with Col. North "more than 50 times" and called the Marine lieutenant a genius who was "the most patriotic American I've ever met." He said he believed Col. North was protecting "only the president" by his silence thus far.

In appearances before congressional panels investigating the Iran-contra case, Col. North has refused to testify citing his constitutional right against self-incrimination.

## Iranian opposition vows to intensify operations

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Leaders of Iran's main opposition group have said that this Persian year will be a "year of a hundred times intensified battle" against the Tehran government of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Masoud Rajavi and his wife, Bahareh, both leaders of the Iranqi-supported People's Mujahadeen opposition group, said in a statement marking the Persian New Year which began Saturday that it will be a "year of tremendous rise" for the resistance to the fundamentalist government of Tehran.

The statement was telexed to the Associated Press in Nicosia Sunday, but was dated two days earlier.

The group also announced in another communique that its guerrillas killed or wounded 10 Iranian Revolutionary Guards in an overnight battle last Thursday near the western Iranian town of Paveh.

It said they attacked govern-

ment forces bases with rocket-propelled grenades and machine gun fire and destroyed several emplacements.

In their statement, the Rajavis said a stepped-up campaign against Khomeini's government has already begun, claiming to have killed or wounded hundreds of government fighters in a series of 30 operations in various parts of Iran over the past 45 days.

The past year was "the year of defeat and disgrace for the Khomeini regime," said the statement.

It noted several offensives against Iraq, Iran's enemy in the 6½-year-old Gulf war, by Iranian forces. "These disastrous attempts at militaristic adventurism were also routed, some 200,000 people were sent to their deaths and nothing was gained," Iranian leaders last summer vowed the war would be ended in Iran's favour with a "final offensive" that would overthrow the Iraqi government by March 21.

## Iran reports Waite held by Revolutionary Justice

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Tehran Radio said Monday the Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite was kidnapped in Lebanon by the Revolutionary Justice Organisation.

The state-run radio, monitored in Nicosia, said the group seized Mr. Waite claiming he was a U.S. spy.

"It is necessary to note that Terry Waite, accused of espionage, was captured by an armed Lebanese group known as Revolutionary Justice," the radio said without elaboration.

Revolutionary Justice, which claims to hold two Americans and a Frenchman in Lebanon, is believed to be made up of pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim extremists. It has threatened to kill the Frenchman.

No group has admitted holding Mr. Waite since he disappeared in mainly Muslim west Beirut on Jan. 20 on a mission to secure the release of foreign hostages.

Revolutionary Justice last month accused Mr. Waite of espionage and charged he had been used to pinpoint suspected guerrilla hideouts for an American military attack on Lebanon. But it did not say it was holding Mr. Waite.

It was not clear whether the Tehran Radio report was merely interpreting that statement to indicate Revolutionary Justice holds Mr. Waite or that the Iranians were disclosing new information.

Mr. Waite was believed to be heading for a rendezvous with members of another Shiite faction, Islamic Jihad, or Islamic holy war, when he disappeared.

He had been negotiating with Islamic Jihad to free two Americans it holds.

Lebanon's Druze warlord, Walid Jumblatt, has claimed that Mr. Waite, 47, was held by the Iranian-backed Shiite Hezbollah, or Party of God, in Lebanon.

Hezbollah has denied that. But Western and Lebanese intelligence sources have identified the fundamentalist faction as the parent group for the various Shiite kidnap groups in Lebanon, including Islamic Jihad and Revolutionary Justice.

The Tehran Radio report was primarily about three Iranians who have been missing in Lebanon for five years.

The radio said they were kidnapped by Falangists during the Israeli siege of west Beirut in 1982.

The missing Iranians, Revolutionary Guard Commander Ahmad Motevasseian, Iranian Charge d'Affaires Morteza Musavi and Kazem Akhavan, a correspondent for the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), were seized by Lebanon's Falangist militia in northern Lebanon.

"Recently the archbishop of Canterbury has suggested that he is prepared to intervene in this respect provided there is an effort in the release of Terry Waite."

Archbishop Robert Runcie offered in January in a letter to the speaker of Iran's parliament, Hashemi Rafsanjani, to help locate Motevasseian.

Since then, it stressed, "there has been no formal report from Israel or the Falangists on how the hostage-taking took place."

Lebanon's Falangist President Amin Gemayel expelled Iran's ambassador in Beirut in 1983 for alleged interference in Lebanese affairs, but a new ambassador was appointed to Beirut several weeks ago.

## Baker doubts there will be more Iran surprises

WASHINGTON (R) — White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker says he does not believe that two key figures in the Iran arms scandal will make new disclosures that could further hurt President Reagan.

Mr. Baker, appointed Chief of Staff three weeks ago, said Sunday he had carefully reviewed developments in the arms deal, in which profits were diverted to the Nicaraguan contra rebels.

"I've looked very hard since I've been there to see if there are any major new occurrences that the president is going to have to deal with in fact surrounding the Iran thing and I haven't found any," he said on U.S. television.

At a news conference Thursday, Mr. Baker said former National Security Adviser John Poindexter and his assistant, Oliver North, never told him arms sale money went to the contras.

Adm. Poindexter and Col. North reportedly are preparing legal defenses claiming they were patriotically carrying out Mr. Reagan's policies.

The New York Times said Sun-

day Col. North and Adm. Poindexter have told friends and associates each believed he was working with the knowledge of superiors and acting in the interests of national security.

Adm. Poindexter, who will testify with immunity about the Iran-contra affair, is described by friends as determined to clear himself when he finally talks.

"When all the facts are out, he doesn't expect to be found guilty of any crime," said one friend who remains in contact with Adm. Poindexter. "I think he thinks that people will see things in a better light when he has the opportunity to talk."

Adm. Poindexter will be able to tell his story under a grant of limited immunity in hearings by the House and Senate investigating committees under last week's agreement between congressional investigators and independent counsel Lawrence Walsh.

Several friends, former navy colleagues and officials who worked with him at the White House agreed to talk about Adm. Poindexter on condition their names not be used.

## Attas predicts better ties with Sanaa

ABU DHABI (R) — South Yemeni President Haidar Abu Bakr Ali Attas has said he was confident Kuwaiti mediation would succeed in improving his country's relations with North Yemen, strained since bloody fighting in Aden last year.

Thousands of supporters of former President Ali Nasser Mohammad took refuge in the North when he was overthrown in battles between rival Marxist groups in the South Yemeni capital in January last year.

Mr. Attas told a news conference on the second day of a visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), "we are keen, along with the North, that the situation is solved so that we can remove any causes of tension and arrange the return of those who fled."

Kuwait's minister of state for foreign affairs visited Aden and Sanaa earlier this month to try to improve relations. "Kuwait is continuing its efforts and we are completely confident they will be crowned with success," Mr. Attas said.

## Tunisian held in Djibouti confesses to cafe bombing

DJIBOUTI (AP) — President Hassan Gouled Aptidon said Monday a Tunisian arrested after the bombing of a crowded cafe that killed 11 people and wounded 40 last week has confessed responsibility for the attack and said he was recruited in the Syrian capital.

The suspect, identified as Adnan Hamouda Hassan, 27, born in Bizerte in the North African country of Tunisia, was arrested at Djibouti Airport on Thursday, the day after the explosion ripped through the Historil Cafe.

The president, in a statement at the presidential palace, said the suspect told authorities he "was recruited in Damascus" and was a member of a Middle East group called the "Revolutionary and Resistance Troops."

An official at the president's office, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said authorities had never heard of the organisation and knew nothing about it.

Hassan arrived in Djibouti, a Red Sea port on the Horn of Africa, with a Tunisian passport and a 10-day visa, the official said. The suspect was arrested by border police at the airport as he was preparing to board a flight

for Aden, South Yemen. He was immediately turned over to gendarmes.

The bombing leveled the front of the Historil, turning the terrace into a mass of bent metal and melted plastic chairs. About 100 people were in the establishment at the time, most of them foreigners.

Five French nationals, four of them military men serving in this former French colony, and three West German scientists were among those killed in the attack about 7:15 p.m. of the injured, 22 were French, 17 of them military personnel.

The Historil is a popular gathering place for French soldiers and other Europeans. The French have maintained a 4,000-man military contingent here, many from the Foreign Legion, since Djibouti became independent in 1977.

The official at the presidency said the quick arrest was possible thanks to the vigilance of a taxi driver. The driver took the suspect, who was carrying a briefcase, from the Fiesta Hotel to the cafe. After the explosion, the driver noted Hassan return to the same hotel.

## Qadhafi threatens to install Soviet missiles

NEW YORK (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi has vowed to install Soviet nuclear missiles along his coast if the United States again attacks him.

"Libya will in fact declare that it is a Communist country and join the Warsaw Pact and deploy Soviet missiles on the coast of the Mediterranean," Col. Qadhafi said through an interpreter in an interview with NBC Television news.

The Libyan leader, shown being interviewed in his tent and dressed in a leather jump suit, said that such an action on his part would tip the balance of power in the Mediterranean.

"When Libya becomes a Communist country then that's final," he said.

"The United States knows if it continues its aggression this might lead Libya to join the Soviet side and that's going to overturn the balance of power in the region."

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### WHAT'S GOING ON

#### TODAY'S EVENTS

#### EXHIBITIONS

\* An exhibition of photographs by French artists entitled "L'Occident à l'Orient" at the French Cultural Centre (until March 27).

#### MUSEUMS

\* The Italian embassy presents an exhibition entitled "Planning on the Past: The Roman Project" at the Royal Cultural Centre (until March 29).

#### FILM

\* Children's film entitled "A House Called Jester" at 4:30 p.m. at the British Council.

#### NEWS

\* The ABC News at 7:00 p.m. at the American Centre.

#### PLAYS

\* "Arabic plays for children daily at 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre (until March 31).

#### CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabel Amman, Tel. 624390.  
Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabel Leiwadeh, Tel. 67440.

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#### VIDEO

\* "Nature et ordonnance" at 4:00 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre.

#### CULTURAL CENTRES

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08:50 ..... Istanbul (RJ)  
09:00 ..... Tripoli (RJ)  
09:10 ..... Rome (RJ)

#### OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

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13:15 ..... Moscow (SU)  
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15:25 ..... Rome, Damascus (AZ)  
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21:00 ..... Frankfurt (LE)  
08:30 ..... London, Cairo (BA)  
12:15 ..... Karachi, Amman (PK)  
15:20 ..... Tripoli, Damascus (PK)

#### DEPARTURES

#### ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS

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## Jordan commemorates World Meteorology Day with pomp

AMMAN (Petra) — The Meteorology Department Monday marked the World Meteorology Day by holding a special celebration under the theme: "Meteorology as an example of international cooperation."

The celebration was inaugurated by Ministry of Transport Under Secretary Mu'taz Al Bilbeisi, who deputised for Transport Minister Ahmad Dakkhan. Mr. Bilbeisi toured the meteorology exhibition, organised by the department.

The exhibition includes weather maps, sketches, satellite photographs, facsimile machines, teleprinters and telecommunication equipment. The exhibition also includes a station for receiving information through satellites and monitoring equipment, in addition to astronomical telescope.

Meteorology Director General Ali Abanda briefed the audience on the functions of the equipment on display and on the preparation of weather forecasts.

Jordan is celebrating this day along with the other members of the Geneva-based World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), according to Dr. Abanda. WMO was established in

1950, when its charter was signed, thus becoming one of the United Nations specialised organisations.

Jordan's Meteorology Department joined WMO in 1955, and since then, has been constructing weather stations, acquiring equipment and employing well-qualified personnel, Dr. Abanda said. He added that there were 12 monitoring stations in the Kingdom and that they transmit weather forecasts every three hours.

The department, he added, has advanced equipment, including radio-sound equipment, and maritime and agricultural meteorological stations.

Speaking about his department's plans, Dr. Abanda said the department is currently considering the establishment of a national centre for weather forecasts at Amman civil airport and will supply it with the necessary equipment, including computers and telecommunication equipment for satellites.

The celebration was attended by Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Al Amin, director of Amman police, and senior officials from the Transport Ministry, and the Civil Aviation and Meteorology department.

## Jordan to observe U.N. volunteers' day

AMMAN (Petra) — Jan. 5 will be observed in Jordan as an international volunteer day, in response to a resolution by the United Nations General Assembly, according to an announcement by the Cabinet here Monday.

The announcement said that the government has endorsed the idea and it is naming Jan. 5 as international volunteer day, thus responding to a U.N. call to promote the work of voluntary organisations, serving the cause of social and economic development.

The announcement said that the day will be observed with voluntary activities in schools, hospitals and other organisations, aiming to improve the environment, and to offer services to needy people.

There will also be a special issue of postage stamps, exhibitions, and charity bazaars to commemorate the day, the announcement added.

Ministry of Labour and Social Development sources said that a special committee has been set up to organise the celebrations. This committee will group representatives of various Jordanian voluntary societies.

## U.S. added to express mail delivery service

AMMAN (J.T.) — The ministry of communications will on Friday introduce a fast mail delivery service between Jordan and the U.S. via regular flights aboard the Royal Jordanian airline (RJ).

Ministry Under Secretary Mansour Ibn Tarif said that the express mail delivery service would seek to cover more countries. He also called on citizens to benefit from this fast service in sending their urgent documents and letters.

With the U.S. joining this service, the number of Arab and foreign countries covered by the fast mail delivery service reached 19, Mr. Ibn Tarif added. The countries are: U.S., Egypt, Iraq, Tunisia, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Saudi Arabia, Britain, France, West Germany, Taiwan, Netherlands, Greece, Japan, Cyprus and Austria.

The fast mail delivery service was launched last July. Operations of the in-coming and outgoing express mail services are handled by the Central Post Office in downtown Amman.

## Youth minister inaugurates Irbid youth centres

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Youth Eid Dahiyyat Monday expressed the government's interest in youth issues and improving the conditions of centres benefiting them.

Inaugurating a youth activities centre in Deir Abi Saida in Irbid Governorate, Dr. Dahiyyat said the ministry is currently undertaking a field study for all residential concentrations with the aim of identifying the needs of youth and exploring the possibility of establishing clubs and youth centres in areas lacking such facilities.

reach an agreement or hold general elections."

On other issues in the region, Mr. Masri said Jordan supported the Feb. 22 deployment of Syrian troops to keep peace in west Beirut if it helped the war-torn Lebanon into security and stability. "We believe it is actually a good step especially if it will lead to restoring security and stability to all of Lebanon and to lifting the blockade of the Palestinian refugee camps" in Beirut and South Lebanon, Mr. Masri said.

Jordan has repeatedly called for an end to the siege of the camps laid by the Syrian-backed Shiite Amal militia. Mr. Masri said Monday that there was no change in the Jordanian stand.

The foreign minister said discussions between Amman and Damascus were continuing over the Lebanese political situation as well as efforts to convene the proposed international peace conference. He said both Jordan and Syria had been coordinating positions on several issues related to developments in the region and that he himself was in constant touch with his Syrian counterpart Farouk Al Sharara.

Mr. Masri described Jordanian-Syrian relations as "very good" but said there was no development towards reconciliation between Syria and Iraq.

## Islamic board to produce language programmes

CAIRO (Petra) — The board of directors of the Islamic Broadcasting Organisation has endorsed an Egyptian proposal for producing educational programmes designed to teach Arabic to non-Arabic speakers to help non-Arab Muslims to learn more about the Islamic religion, according to Mr. Masoud Al Majali, director general of the Jordanian Radio and Television Corporation.

Mr. Majali, who has been attending the board meeting on behalf of Jordan, said that the proposed educational programmes will be in French and English, and will be in 15 segments.

A special committee from Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt has been formed to prepare the initial stages for this project, which, he

said, is expected to cost \$600,000, half of which will be covered by Egypt.

The board of directors also endorsed the organisation's various activities and programmes to be exchanged among the organisation's member states, as well as a number of important amendments to the organisation's basic by-laws, and financial and administrative measures, Mr. Majali said. In addition, he said, the board approved the organisation's general budget for 1987.

The board of directors groups representatives of Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, South Yemen, Morocco, Palestine, Pakistan, Malaysia, Niger, Libya, in addition to the organisation's general secretariat.

## Liquor stores, bars, clubs to close for religious holiday

AMMAN (Petra) — All liquor stores, bars, and nightclubs will be closed in Amman and its suburbs from Wednesday evening March 25 until Saturday morning March 28 on the occasion of Al Isra'a wal Mi'raj (the anniversary marking the Prophet Mohammad's nocturnal journey and ascension to heaven), according to an announcement by Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Al Amin.

The move coincides with religious ceremonies which will be held around the Kingdom on the holy occasion. The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs announced that it will organise a ceremony at a mosque on Independence Street on Thursday afternoon under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein, and said that a number of senior public figures will address the worshippers at the mosque. All government departments and public institutions will remain closed on that day.

## Jordan and India to tackle trade relations

AMMAN (J.T.) — Intensive talks on bilateral economic and trade relations and cooperation between Jordan and India will start in New Delhi on Tuesday at the under secretaries level.

The three-day talks will be co-chaired by Mr. Mohammad Al Saqqaf, under secretary at the Ministry of Trade and Industry, and his Indian counterpart and are part of the annual meetings of the joint Jordanian-Indian committee on economic cooperation.

Mr. Saqqaf, accompanied by a Jordanian delegation, left Amman for New Delhi on Sunday evening to start talks with Indian officials. He is accompanied by representatives of his ministry and the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company, the Arab Potash Company and the Civil Aviation Authority.

According to statistical figures, the balance of trade between the two countries is in favour of Jordan with India importing 20 per cent of the Kingdom's total exports. In 1986, India imported almost 1 million tonnes of phosphates, and a total of 360,000 tonnes of potash and fertilisers while Jordan imported Indian goods worth \$15 million.

However, the 1986 figures of Indian exports to Jordan have tripled from the level of JD 800,000 in 1985. Mr. Saqqaf told the Jordan Times on the eve of his departure to New Delhi on Sunday.

"We hope to further develop and consolidate Jordanian-Indian trade and economic ties through increasing the volume of trade exchange," Mr. Saqqaf said. He expressed hope that during his three-day visit to India, he would be able to encourage officials

there to import more Jordanian products and to raise their imports to 1.2 million tonnes of phosphates and 450,000 tonnes of potash and fertilisers in sequence.

Jordan this year awarded an Indian company a \$110 million contract to build part of a 450 kilometre highway linking Jordan's south with Al Irbid, near the Iraqi border in Jordan's east.

The Kingdom's main imports from India are wheat, tea, spices and soya meal.

Mr. Saqqaf also said his talks there would focus on the feasibility of setting up a joint industrial project for fertilisers to be based either in Aqaba or in India with the products to be marketed in both countries.

## Visit to Indonesia

Mr. Saqqaf's visit to the Far East will also take him to Indonesia for four days of official talks in Jakarta.

Indonesia is also a major importer of Jordanian phosphates. Jordan hopes to increase its sales of phosphates to Jakarta from the present level of 500,000 tonnes for 1986 to 900,000 tonnes for this year.

Jordanian imports from Indonesia include timber, coffee, tea, textiles and fabrics.

Accompanying Mr. Saqqaf on his 10-day trip are Mr. Assem Al Hindawi, director of the Trade Ministry's department for developing economic cooperation and increasing imports, and Mr. Ahmad Al Tarawneh and Mr. Wanas Al Hindawi, senior officials at the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company and the Arab Potash Company respectively.

## King, Queen watch colourful aerobatics to honour racers

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — They looped, dived, and circled, leaving distinct trails of colourful fumes behind in a show of the high standard of control and perfection.

Three young Jordanian pilots, members of the Royal Falcons, staged a daring aerobatic show on Monday, and pushed their light aircraft to extremes, receiving cheerful applause from the audience which included the crews of the Paris-Peking-Paris air race who arrived in Amman on Saturday evening and early Sunday morning. The air race crews will fly to Rome Wednesday, the penultimate leg of their trip.

Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor, members of the royal family, Cabinet ministers, and members of the diplomatic corps in Amman, attended the aerobatic show which included dangerous formations, often skimming the ground.

Captain Jalal Khattab led the show with his single-engine aircraft which is specially built for aerobatic manoeuvres. Captain Majed Kayed and Captain Adnan Takroui piloted the other two aircraft.

The show included manoeuvres such as half loops, full loops, hammerhead turns, and the famous Hashemite manoeuvre. The Hashemite manoeuvre involves an intricate display in which the lead plane climbs straight into the air, while the other two wing planes criss-cross.

A spectacular solo roll formation and a barrel roll were also staged during the show which took place at the Amman military



Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor, members of the royal family, and Cabinet members watch the aerobatic show to honour the Paris-Peking-Paris air racers, held at the Amman military airport on Monday (Petra photos)

airport.

Later, King Hussein presented the first three winners of the Bombay-Amman leg in the Paris-Peking-Paris air race with awards and tokens of appreciation. Several crew members who have shown excellent performance and rare courage during the 35,000 kilometre race were also honoured.

The French Ambassador to Jordan Patrice Leclercq presented Mrs. Claudine, a French pilot on the Paris-Peking-Paris race, with a trophy for her courageous piloting and performance, despite numerous dangerous encounters in her relatively small light aircraft.

The audience had a glimpse of Jordanian folklore when the Royal Jordanian folk group staged a spectacular show with songs, dances, music and lyrics, depicting the traditional Jordanian life.

Snacks and beverage were distributed at the end of the ceremony which was organised by the Royal Jordanian. King Hussein and Queen Noor made a tour of the planes competing to win the air race, which were parked on the tarmac.

Mr. Bernard Lamy, the race organiser, said in a speech he hoped a Jordanian crew would take part in the next air race which is expected to kick off from Paris two years from now.

Microjet Mamouth, captained by Raymond Michel with co-pilot Remi Grasset, leads the race which is expected to end on March 29. Microjet is an old light aircraft rebuilt to enter long-distance races. Italia Wings, a Cessna 310, is second; the Manpower, another Cessna 310 piloted by Delio Iglesias and Jean-Claude Lasse, is in third position.

## Seminar examines effectiveness of Arab investment free zones

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Finance Hanna Odeh opened in Amman Monday a three-day seminar on Arab free zones which is being organised by the Jordanian Free Zones Corporation (JFZC) in cooperation with the Inter Arab Investment Guarantee Corporation (IAIGC).

In an address to the opening session, the minister underlined the importance of the free zones, areas free from normal regulations and taxes, and their role in attracting foreign capital to help finance trade and industrial operations.

The free zones have helped Arab states absorb modern technology and acquire capital for various projects, the minister pointed out. He said that Arab states ought now to make an assessment of the experiment to draw lessons for the future.

The IAIGC has made a detailed study of Arab free zones, and has found that they have benefited Arab economies, Dr. Odeh noted. The minister said that, despite the gains which the Arab countries have made from these free zones, major problems in coordination among Arab organisations exist.

The IAIGC study has called for increasing coordination and cooperation among various Arab free zone corporations, and for orienting investors to safe investment areas and Arab markets,

which can absorb products produced by Arab countries, the minister noted.

Also, addressing the opening session, was Mr. Ma'moun Ibrahim Hassan, IAIGC director. He said that the Arab World enjoyed an economic boom in the 1970s and the early 1980s when surpluses of capital were available for investment. This capital prompted many Arab countries and organisations to invest in new projects without adequate feasibility studies.

Mr. Hassan said that now that the oil boom is over there is a greater need for rationalising expenditures, and more care for sound investments. Arab organisations and governments ought to learn from the failures of the past, and try to improve investment performance, Mr. Hassan pointed out.

The IAIGC has carried out a study on the free zones in the Arab World with the purpose of highlighting the role of these zones in national economies, Mr. Hassan added. He said that the study covered eight Arab countries where free zones have been established, and investigated legislation governing these zones, their operations and the application of regulations. This study is to be reviewed by the participants of the three-day seminar which is attended by economists and other

government experts who are exchanging views about the benefits and costs of free zones for investment purposes, Mr. Hassan added.

## Working session

Later, the first working session was held, and Director General of the JFZC Yassin Al Kayed reviewed problems and difficulties facing investment in free zones in Jordan, and means of countering these problems.

Mr. Kayed's review was followed by a study prepared by the director general of the Egyptian Studies and Researches Department at the General Investments and Free Zones Corporation, Dr. Wahbi Wahbe. Dr. Wahbe's study sheds light on experiences of eight Arab countries — Jordan, United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, Djibouti, Syria, Egypt, Morocco and Peoples Democratic Republic of Yemen. The study showed that the JFZC contribution to the GDP during the period from 1974 to 1984 was 12 per cent.

Directors of free zone corporations in Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, Syria, Egypt, Morocco, as well as representatives of the Council of Arab Economic Unity, the Federation of Arab Chambers of Industry, Agriculture and Trade, are attending the seminar.

## Jordan seeks 'proper conference'

(Continued from page 1)

Answering a question on statements attributed to Mr. Arafat that the PLO was willing to attend the proposed international conference as part of an Arab delegation, Mr. Masri said he did not believe it reflected the PLO's final position. "We hear different and conflicting statements from PLO officials every day, and I do not think any of these statements reflect the final stand of the PLO over the issue," he said.

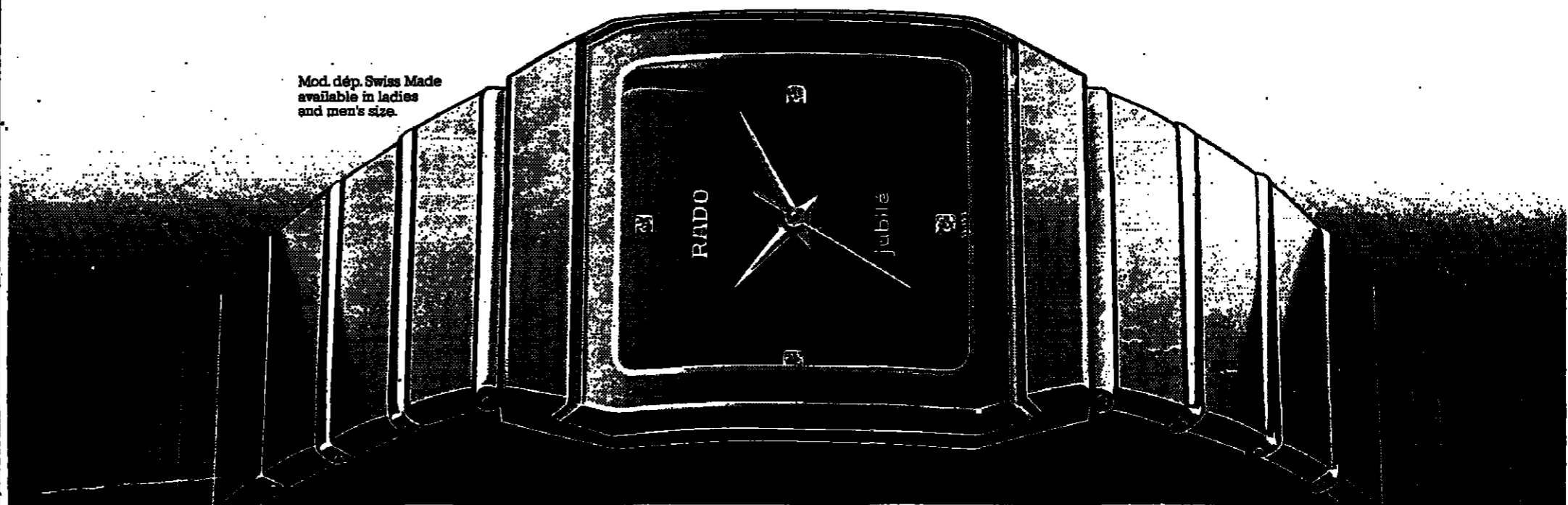
On Egyptian efforts to "reconcile" Jordan and the PLO, Mr. Masri said the efforts did not produce any breakthrough but he added that the "Egyptians are now more sympathetic with our point of view."

On Jordan's efforts to bring about a more active Soviet involvement in efforts for Mideast peace, Mr. Masri said "we have confidence in the Soviet motives" to take an active interest in the region's issues and that Moscow was "now more flexible." He did not elaborate.

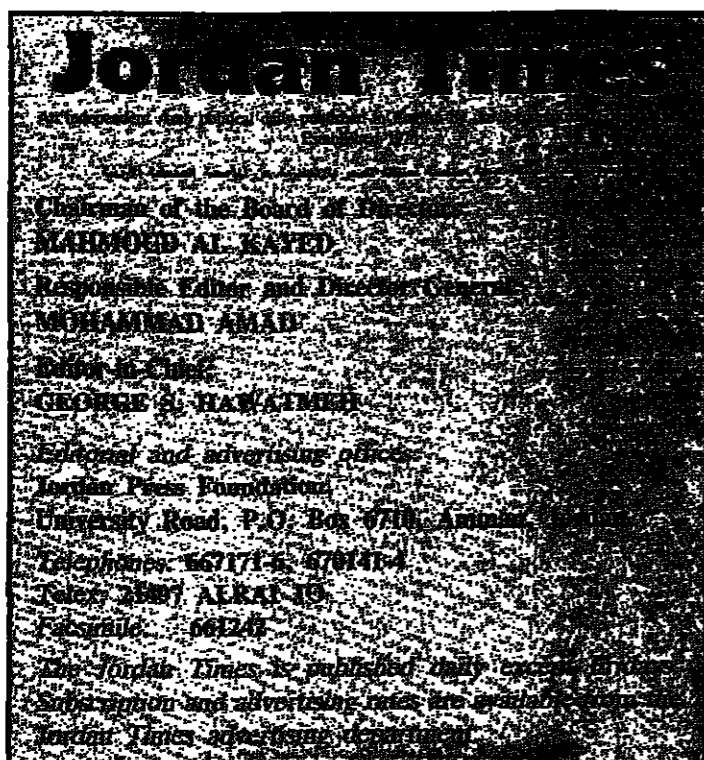
Replying to a question on the split within the Israeli government over the international conference idea, Mr. Masri said "both sides (the Labour Party led by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and the Likud bloc headed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir) will have to sit down and

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## Who is duping whom?

AMID renewed debates over who duped whom in the American-Iran arms sales episode, several vital by-products of the supply of U.S. arms to Iran appear to have been overlooked and relegated to secondary importance by the international community. But we Arabs cannot afford to do so since it is our own security and stability at stake in the persisting Iran-Iraq war.

First of all, there appears to be more than meets the eye in the reported deployment of "non-American" missiles by Iran along the entrance to the Strait of Hormuz. While Washington has reportedly warned Iran not to threaten Gulf shipping with the missiles, Tehran has issued a counter-warning to the U.S. against "interference" in the Gulf.

With the elaborate media build-up of the war of words, it would appear that Washington is really serious in fulfilling its pledge to ensure the free flow of oil from the Gulf. We sure hope so, but, judging from past encounters with American duplicity, there is nothing stopping us from seeing the whole missile deployment and warnings as part of a well-enacted scenario between Washington and Tehran. Supporting such an argument is the pledge by Tehran to publish its own report of the American arms sales, since all indications are that there could be more skeletons in the U.S. "ward and more heads could roll in Washington if all facts behind the U.S.-Iran deal were to be brought into the open.

The second factor that we cannot overlook is the report that the Soviet Union has set up two "listening posts" in Iran. While we cannot expect Moscow to authenticate it, the report itself could not be seen separate from the ongoing U.S.-Iran exchange over the missile deployment.

Iran, desperate for weapons to boost its war effort, is seeking all avenues to acquire arms, and Tehran appears to be sending a message to Washington: The price to avoid further embarrassments and crises for the Reagan administration is more covert or open supply of American arms to Iran. The message is further strengthened by the reported setting up of Soviet listening posts in Iran since it could also mean further cooperation between Moscow and Tehran at American expense.

No matter which way the cookie crumbles, one thing is clear: The Reagan administration is caught within its own trap and the only way out for Washington is to own up to everything and assume a realistic stand and throw its full weight behind efforts to bring Tehran to the negotiating table for a peaceful settlement to the Iran-Iraq conflict. It would also restore part of the lost American credibility in the Arab World and assure the world at large of U.S. sincerity to bring about world peace and security. But, the crucial question is: Are the Americans ready for such a realistic move?

### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

#### Al Ra'i: Peaceful cooperation

KING Hussein's meeting with President Mubarak in Cairo Sunday came amid an overwhelming world-wide support for the need of convening an international conference to put an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict and find a just settlement for the Palestine problem. The talks between the two leaders reflect the depth of the unique relationship between Egypt and Jordan and the continued coordination between the two leaderships for the sake of serving pan-Arab causes. Both the King and the president told journalists at the end of their meeting that the international conference is the only forum for ending the conflict in the region and that all concerned parties should attend the conference including the PLO which is the representative of the Palestinian people. This joint stand has been supported by European, Asian and African countries which all want a solution to be reached under the United Nations umbrella and want the implementation of the Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. Both Egypt and Jordan hold identical views as to the Gulf war, and have therefore called for an end to the conflict as the start of peace negotiations. There is no doubt that both leaders will continue their efforts for arriving at the most feasible solutions for the problems of the region.

#### Al Dustour: Cairo, Amman in agreement

IN summing up his talks with President Mubarak of Egypt Sunday King Hussein made it clear that Jordan adheres strongly to its national stands with regard to the proposed international Middle East conference and the Gulf conflict. The King told reporters that Cairo and Amman are in agreement on the need for holding an international conference to solve the Middle East question, and both are convinced of the need for the start of peaceful negotiations between Iran and Iraq to end the conflict in the Gulf region. Since the restoration of diplomatic ties between Amman and Cairo the leaderships of both Egypt and Jordan have been coordinating their stands with regard to the problems and developments in the Middle East and this has no doubt contributed to a strengthening of Arab stands and positions in the unification of Arab World. We look on the King's visit to Cairo and his talks with Egyptian leaders as yet another step in this direction, and another stage in strengthening the Arab stand. We attach great hopes to the joint efforts of the two leaders who are bent on working relentlessly for serving the Arab causes in general and solving the Palestine issue and the Gulf question in particular.

#### Sawt Al Shaab: Talks for peace

KING Hussein told reporters in Cairo that joint Arab efforts should now concentrate on means for ending the Gulf conflict so as to stop the sapping of Arab and Islamic countries' resources. The King said that it is hoped that the Iraqi and Iranian leaderships will now come to the negotiating table and open talks for a lasting peace. King Hussein said that Egypt can play a leading role in mobilising Arab countries' efforts to end the conflict in the Gulf and also to help find a lasting solution for the Arab-Israeli conflict. For this reason, coordinating efforts and plans with Cairo is a necessity and joining Arab forces for the common good is essential if the Arabs want to achieve success in their endeavours. The King said that Jordan and Egypt are in agreement on the need for holding an international Middle East conference and the inclusion of the PLO and all concerned parties in the negotiations for a settlement. This conference he said is necessary for implementing United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. This is the view of Jordan as well as Egypt. Both countries are serious in their efforts for uniting Arab ranks and for resolving the problems of the Middle East region.

## THE VIEW FROM SECOND CIRCLE

# What's my GNP trying to tell me?

By Rami G. Khouri

THE good rains of the past winter have certainly been bountiful for those of us who keep an eye on the Jordanian economy, if we are to judge by the several meetings with the press during the past two weeks by the prime minister, the planning minister and the industry and trade minister. And, we hear, there is more to come — which is a fine thing, give the importance of dialogue and public discussion to a rational process of problem-solving and nation-building.

While there are many interesting points that have been raised by these and other members of the government during this bonanza of communication, I have been more intrigued by the manner in which the communication process has taken place than by the substance of what has been said.

My personal view — during the boom years and now in our peculiar little recession — has always been that Jordan's economy is not subject to, and should not be judged by, the same classic rules of economic performance that other, more normal economies, live by. We are and always have been a highly abnormal economy, given that so much of the money that finances economic activity and growth in Jordan comes from outside the country.

The statistics will tell assorted tales, depending on how you choose and display them. The hard economic reality and fact of life behind the statistics is that Jordan's economic engine is driven by financial fuel that comes from outside our borders. Depending on how you interpret the statistics, the numbers will show that we rely on foreign sources of cash for anywhere between 40 and 70 per cent of our gross national product — including such foreign sources as remittances by Jordanians and Palestinians living abroad, Arab budget support, grants and soft loans from friendly foreign countries, multilateral technical assistance, and commercial loans.

The good news, though, is that Jordan has never lived in any other manner during its 66 years of history, and therefore none of the above really matters — because what is abnormal for other economies is absolutely normal and routine for us.

What I found interesting in the sudden flurry of senior officials' remarks on the economy was their apparent reluctance to admit the point I have just made, preferring rather to analyse the Jordanian economy in the same manner as one would analyse, say, the economy of West Germany or France. This is highly unfair to West Germany and France, for starters, given the much more turbulent

regional and historical context in which we have maintained growth and development patterns over the past half a century.

I would have thought it far more appropriate, in the present situation, for our senior officials to challenge the people of Jordan to do their part for economic recovery, rather than to comfort them with statistics and facts apparently designed to show that all is well in the realm.

The irony is that, yes indeed, things are more or less well in the realm. We have some vulnerabilities that have been exacerbated in recent years, such as a rising foreign and domestic debt, increased unemployment, and an inability to control international commodity prices. But which country in the world does not suffer from these and other problems?

The real question that I would like to have answered is: Why should the government always have to solve global, if not even cosmic, economic problems? Is it the responsibility of the prime minister to find jobs for all those tens of thousands of Jordanians who — in moments of unsuspecting structural inaptitude — decided to seek a university education, only to discover upon graduation that they were unemployable?

If it is the responsibility of the planning minister to explain why half a dozen sister Arab oil producers have found themselves unable to provide Jordan with all the aid they pledged to provide back in the late 1970s?

Ours is an economy with very little pure economics in it. Most of the ostensibly economic decisions that are made — whether by individuals, families, communities or the government — are based essentially on political criteria. These include, for example, one's assumed access to work, power and influence in the community, one's anticipation that most of the countries in the area today will be here next decade, one's recognition that personal contacts are perhaps as important a determinant of professional advancement as one's personal abilities or work performance.

I would think it more appropriate, in our current situation, for senior government officials to refuse to go along with the tendency to look to the government for all solutions, and instead to challenge the citizenry to act in a manner that supported the concept of a Jordanian community, rather than a Jordanian consumers' collective.

The fact remains that, in the end, we are a politicised nation,

living in a politicised region, requiring political solutions to our multiple challenges. The prime minister — talking about anticipated Arab aid in the future — was correct to note that our number one asset is our King, meaning that financial support for Jordan is essentially a political decision, rather than the result of sophisticated calculations of anticipated returns on investments or other such economic criteria.

The truly daring, creative and statesmanly response to the present economic slump should be — in my view — a bold domestic political leap forward in the affairs of the realm. This should be an opportunity for people and government alike to be more humble and more realistic, in both our economic expectations and our abilities to effect economic change. This can only happen when we have adjusted our system and our psyches to the point where there is a clear convergence between the concept of individual gain and the concept of the wellbeing of the community and the nation as a whole.

The current state of affairs places a premium on individual gains — to satisfy personal, family, village or clan needs — while the good of the country as a whole is left for unnamed others to concern themselves with. The economic recession is an opportunity to redress this imbalance, and to establish new mechanisms of dialogue, political participation and public accountability which would help ensure that the structural problems we suffer from today might be less severe the next time the recession comes around — as it surely will.

I find it rather embarrassing that we — the citizenry — should now push the government up against the wall and demand why it has made so many alleged mistakes, and to ask what it is doing to make things better. If there are economic problems of a structural, or other nature, they cannot all be blamed on the government, for during the past decade the mass of Jordanian people has not exactly stood by idly.

The problem we still must resolve is how to formulate decision-making systems that apportion responsibility and accountability in a just manner among the public and private sectors, so that we end up with a measure of public policy awareness and consistency that would help prevent some of the problems we complain about today. This is a political challenge, not an economic one, and it must be dealt with in political terms.

## Reagan's slide may have ended, but problems remain

By Michael Gelf  
Reuters

WASHINGTON — President Reagan appears to have stopped the plunge in his political rating triggered by the Iran arms scandal, at least temporarily, according to Washington political observers.

But many political analysts still maintain that Reagan will have only limited impact on domestic policy in his remaining two years in office as Washington increasingly turns its attention to the battle to succeed him in the White House.

Last Thursday's presidential news conference, which lacked the blunders and factual errors that marred some earlier performances, "helped Reagan marginally," Republican political analyst Kevin Phillips said.

"But in terms of ability to govern and effect change it makes very little difference," Phillips added.

Reagan's fortunes remain closely tied to the outcome of special congressional investigations into the arms deal and the diversion of profits to U.S.-backed contra rebels in Nicaragua.

Reagan steadfastly maintained at the news conference that he was unaware of the diversion of funds. The Washington Post has reported that his former national security adviser, Admiral John Poindexter, will testify he told Reagan what was going on.

"If the president's statements hold up, I think the worst is certainly behind him," Democratic senator Sam Nunn said in a

television interview. "If we come up with new evidence, then we'll have to face that when we get to it."

With the House of Representatives and Senate both controlled by the Democrats for the first time in his presidency following their success in November's midterm elections, political analysts say Reagan's legislative agenda would have faced a battle in Congress even without the

embarrassment of the Iran arms deal.

Reagan, barred by law from seeking a third four-year term, is suffering the diminution of power faced by any president as his term in office winds down.

"Once you get past the middle of the last term, no matter how popular the president, Washington becomes focused on the succession fight," Republican political strategist David Keene told

Reuters.

"By that time, you've already won all the easy legislative battles."

The normal ebbing of power has been greatly accelerated for Reagan by a steep drop in his public support since his decision to sell arms to Iran became public in November.

About 65 per cent of people polled before the Iran arms scan-

dal broke thought Reagan was doing a good job. The figure is down to 50 per cent or a little less in most recent surveys.

Reagan's showing in the polls has improved a bit following a March 4 speech in which he finally accepted overall responsibility for the fiasco and conceded the arms deal amounted to paying ransom for the release of Americans held hostage by pro-Iranian factions in Lebanon.

Polls show he retains the personal affection of most Americans — about 75 per cent say they like him. But a majority also express doubts about his ability to govern.

An ABC news-Wall Street Journal survey conducted just before the news conference shows people think White House staff chief Howard Baker and various cabinet officers will have more impact than Reagan on White House policy decisions.

A number of political analysts say Reagan must produce a concrete legislative or foreign policy achievement to demonstrate that he is back in control.

Some point to his promised veto of an \$88-billion highway construction and mass transit bill as a key test of his strength.

The bill was passed overwhelmingly by both houses of Congress this past week. If Reagan can gather the votes needed to block it from becoming law in defiance of his veto it would demonstrate that he retains some influence in Congress.

But other analysts, such as former White House press secretary George Reedy, doubt that even a legislative victory is enough to restore the president's lost lustre.

"His problem has been the feeling that he was not in charge, that other people were pulling the wool over his eyes," said Reedy, once spokesman for Democratic President Lyndon Johnson.

"That question is still left precisely where it was — these things happened without his knowledge and that is what is worrying the American people."



## Rebel gains raise new doubts about Philippine army

By Phillip Melchior  
Reuters

MANILA — A week in which the Philippine armed forces conceded 37 deaths to Communist rebels in just two incidents has raised fresh doubts about its ability to take decisive action in the country's long-running guerrilla war.

The two actions — one in the far south and one in the north of the country — came in the course of what the state-run Philippine news agency called the bloodiest week of the civil war, with 104 dead and 71 wounded including civilians and police.

Rumours persist that more large-scale fighting is likely in the near future between the 150,000-strong regular military and the New People's Army (NPA), estimated at 24,000.

Several journalists here have been told by NPA sources that the rebels will stage at least one and possibly more major attacks on the Philippine army during the coming week in a bloody build-up to the 19th anniversary of the NPA's founding on March 29.

Last week's attacks — at Zamboanga in southern Mindanao and in Quezon province on the main island of Luzon — were notable for several reasons, military analysts say.

They were both reported to have involved large numbers of NPA regulars who were prepared to confront the army head-on, yet were able to escape with apparently low casualties.

Coincidentally, the two outbreaks came almost at the same

time as comments in Washington by a senior Pentagon official which have angered both President Corason Aquino and the armed forces.

Richard Armitage, U.S. assistant secretary for defence and international security affairs, told an influential congressional subcommittee that Aquino's administration simply had no real policy to deal with a war which has lasted on and off for 18 years.

Armitage cautioned against expecting significant government gains against the rebels in the near future.

"Counter-insurgency strategies are developed and then discarded. Military advice is often ignored. Distrust and apathy pervade civil-military relations," he said.

Aquino had done no better than her deposed predecessor Ferdinand Marcos in planning against the rebels and had "regrettably failed to develop a comprehensive counter-insurgency plan that integrates military, political, economic and social programmes."

Where Marcos relied solely on the military, members of Aquino's administration "believe that they can rely almost exclusively on symbolic political acts to cure the insurgency," Armitage declared.

Armitage's sentiments publicly echoed those often expressed privately here by senior diplomats and military analysts — including some Filipinos.

Analysts with close links to the armed forces say that although progress is being made it will take

upwards of a decade before the military is fully professional.

Even Defence Secretary Rafael Ilto — himself a former ranking officer — has complained bitterly about the quality of the army he inherited from Marcos, saying it was incapable of mounting sustained operations.

Referring to "let us fight" pleas by sections of the army during a recent ceasefire with the Communists, Ilto said: "Their spirit is willing... whether their skill or their equipment or support is up to it only time will tell."

Military statistics say about 365 people have died in insurgency-related incidents since the 60-day ceasefire ended on February 8 with the failure of peace talks between the two sides.

The army puts the death toll at 81 civilians, about 115 military (including police) and around 170 NPA regulars.

The war rarely comes directly to the cities.

The rebels, conscious of their public image, go in for interviews rather than the terror tactics of random bombings. The work of their "sparrow squads" — assassination units — is directed at individual targets and even then is often oversteered.

After a rash of police killings in and around the capital, police headquarters last week drew back from their previous automatic response of blaming the NPA.

Of about 12 killings, only four were definitely linked to the sparrow squads — the others were common or garden murders, police chief Brigadier General Alexander Aguirre said.

## Poll campaign starts in Indonesia, ruling party sure of win

By Jeremy Clift  
Reuters

JAKARTA — Indonesia's election campaign is officially launched this week, but the victory of President Suharto's ruling Golkar Party is assured and little criticism of the military-backed government is likely.

Campaigning by Indonesia's three officially-sanctioned parties for 400 seats in the 500-seat state assembly begins on Tuesday, although cabinet ministers and senior Golkar officials have been busy drumming up support for several weeks.

The other 100 seats are reserved for military appointees. The election in Southeast Asia's largest nation is on April 23. Golkar has predicted it will win at least 70 per cent of the vote against 64 per cent in the last nationwide ballot in 1982.

The position of President Suharto, who has ruled the giant equatorial country of 168 million people for the past 21 years, is not under challenge. His five-year term continues until March next year, and he has already said he will stand again.

The election is more an exercise in consensus-building and fostering nationhood than in choosing governments, and the campaigning is expected by most independent Indonesian observers and academics to be remarkably short on issues.

Few expect the two opposition parties to question the government's record on, say, handling the economy, corruption or employment, although the economy

is in its worst shape for several years after the slump in world oil prices and unemployment is rising.

Indonesia, the only Asian member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and a leading producer of commodities like rubber, tin, palm oil and coffee, has been forced to restrict government spending severely after the crash in oil prices last year.

Astrid Susanto, a leading social scientist at the University of Indonesia, said in an interview published in the Jakarta newspaper *Suara Pembinaan* that there were a number of issues that the three parties could debate in the coming campaign.

"But I doubt they will dare to speak on issues concerning unemployment, increased income, and cheap housing in their election campaigns," he stated.

The reluctance to tackle the government directly on its record stems from Suharto's attempt to wipe out sectarian politics and create a form of consensus democracy in the world's largest Muslim nation.

Traditional deference to authority remains the rule in Indonesia, where a short-lived experiment with parliamentary democracy on the Westminster model in the 1950s gave liberalism a bad name because governments would resign every few months as a result of shifting political alliances.

Under Suharto's military-backed rule the giant archipelago of 13,000 islands has been stable for two decades, achieving self-suffi-

ciency in its staple food, rice, and concentrating on economic development during the oil boom years of the 1970s.

Suharto has outlawed campaigning on religious or sectarian issues, and the predominantly Muslim United Development Party (PPP) has been forced to change its symbol to a star from the powerful symbol of the Kabah in Mecca, Islam's holiest city.

In a country that is 87 per cent Muslim, the PPP is the most credible opposition to the government, which has been worried by a revival of fundamentalism in parts of Java, Indonesia's most populous island.

Legislation passed two years ago binding all political and social organisations in the country to the state ideology known as *Pancasila* effectively outlaws the creation of an Islamic state.

Golkar has formed an alliance with the third party, the small and weak Indonesian Democracy Party (PDI), against the PPP in some parts of the country.

The 280,000-strong armed forces will be on alert across the country.

The government officially states it expects no trouble during the ballot. But the commander of Central Java has said he fears some extremist groups may try to sabotage polling stations, markets or electricity generating facilities.

In the last elections around 60 people died in accidents and poll-related violence, including a riot in Jakarta in which five people were shot dead.



**By Professor Michael Drummond**

fully demonstrated by a story about a British doctor working on an aid programme in a developing country. While on his way by Land Rover to a remote region where there was a disease epidemic, carrying supplies of essential vaccine, he came across a pregnant woman experiencing complications in advanced stage of labour. In his clinical judgement the woman needed hospital care if she and the baby were to survive, but he did not have enough petrol to transfer the woman to hospital and so he took the site of the epidemic. After some soul-searching he pressed on. Luckily, choices may not be so stark in everyday medicine, but the principle is clear: costs are just as important as benefits when judging health care programmes.

For the reasons outlined, economists have been developing ways of assessing the costs and benefits of health care programmes. The range of factors that they seek to take into account is shown by the diagram. In examining economic efficiency it is important to examine the changes in resource use brought about by treatments, not only in the hospital sector but in community care, too. It is also relevant to consider the resources contri-

Furthermore, it can be seen that evaluation of efficiency requires consideration of the changes that treatments or programmes bring about in the health

**By Larence Bartlett**  
*The Associated Press*

She also bought them a refrigerator and four sewing machines, and found housing in a

**Applications of evaluation**

Economic evaluation has been applied in many branches of medicine in the industrialised and developing world. One of the most recent surveys is that which I undertook with Anne Mills of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine for a recent issue of *World Health Statistics Quarterly*. It covers some 150 studies.

In industrial countries, the

an abnormally low weight at birth. A common finding is that while new medical technologies have undoubtedly benefits, they are often used in clinical practice in a haphazard way. In the U.K. Medical Research Council has provided funds for an economic evaluation of magnetic resonance imaging in clinical work, being undertaken by John Hutton of the University of York. Elsewhere, parallel initiatives might insist that primary health care projects have an economic evaluation component. Only if such steps are taken will health care benefit fully from technology — Spectrum.

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## Evert Lloyd shows old form in beating Shriver in Dallas

DALLAS (R) — Top seed Chris Evert Lloyd kept her perfect record against fellow American Pam Shriver alive when she cruised past the second seed 6-1, 6-3 to win the \$250,000 Dallas Classic women's tennis tournament.

For Lloyd, who has never lost to Shriver in 18 meetings, it was her 149th title and she received \$50,000.

Lloyd, who lost just two sets in the tournament, appears to have regained her championship form for the first time since coming back from a knee injury in February.

"It was a little bit special. I needed to get a tournament under my belt. I was getting tired of hearing that I hadn't won a tournament since the French Open (last May). After the first round, I think I played some of the best tennis in my career," said

Lloyd.

Even Shriver, who collected \$22,500 as runner-up, was pleased with Lloyd's return to form.

"It's good to see Chris playing well again, because we missed her," Shriver said. "It's good to have her back. Women's tennis needs her for a few more years."

Lloyd, normally a slow starter, won 14 of the first 16 points Sunday as Shriver won only five points on her serve. Usually her main weapon, the second seed was unable to hold her own serve in the first set.

Lloyd used forehand passing shots with great success and blasted a back-hand winner past her visibly upset opponent to close out the first set in 29 minutes.

Shriver made a run at Lloyd in the second set when a brilliant backhand cross court passing shot began a string of nine of 10 points that brought the second seed back to 3-4.

But Lloyd's concentration, the hallmark of her game which has been missing since her return, was evident as Shriver's comeback attempt was overshadowed by the top seed's ability to bear down and win the match without committing another error.

"I was going into the match thinking that if I played well I would win," Lloyd said. "This is my fifth week back and I feel really fresh."

## European league roundup

### Maradona refuses to panic over loss

LONDON (R) — Diego Maradona is refusing to panic after Napoli's second league defeat of the season trimmed its lead at the top to three points.

At the beginning of this month Napoli was apparently cantering towards its first title, but a couple of stumbles since have given renewed hope to the posse of clubs tracking Maradona and his men.

Sunday's 1-0 defeat by Internazionale, following a 0-0 draw with Roma last week, has awakened doubts about Napoli's durability but captain Maradona refuses to accept that his team is beginning to look fragile.

"The championship race has not re-opened. In a championship you can also lose some games, it's not a big tragedy and it doesn't change everything," Maradona said.

Roma, leader of the pursuing pack, agrees Napoli still has a huge advantage. "Napoli can permit itself the luxury of losing

another game. We, of course, will continue to play to win," said Roma's Swedish manager Sven-Göran Eriksson.

Napoli could well live to rue the point it threw away at third-placed Internazionale with just six minutes left, as Giuseppe Bergomi found space in the area to steal victory with a well-taken goal.

The leader play its third successive tough game next week when it faces fourth-placed Juventus, who seemed to be returning to something like its best form in its 1-0 win over Como.

Real Madrid increased its lead at the top of the Spanish league to two points when it beat Real Valladolid 2-1 thanks to a second half penalty from unsettled striker Hugo Sanchez.

But most of the day's action was centred in San Sebastian where Real Sociedad fans reacted violently at the end of a 1-1 draw with Barcelona when a home

"goal" was disallowed.

The referee had to be protected by police riot shields as he left the pitch and the police then charged fans who were stoning the dressing rooms.

On the field, Scottish striker Steve Archibald, recalled to the Barcelona side last week after months on the sidelines, set up Ramon Calderin's goal with a fine pass but otherwise did little to suggest he is the man to solve his side's goal-scoring problems.

Real Madrid's opponent in the European Cup semifinals, Bayern Munich, cruised to a 4-0 victory over local rival Nuremberg to stay one point clear in the West German League.

Borussia Moenchengladbach, UEFA Cup semifinalists, scored seven goals in Bremen against Werder, a feat equalled by Dynamo Kiev — European Cup semifinalists — who trounced Ararat Yerevan 7-0 in the Soviet First Division.

### Holmes eyes bout with champion Tyson

LONDON (AP) — Former world heavyweight boxing champion Larry Holmes, could step out of retirement to take on the current titlist, Mike Tyson, "in the not too distant future," Tyson's handlers said recently.

Bill Cayton, co-manager of the 20-year-old World Boxing Council and World Boxing Association champion, said there already had been negotiations between the two sides.

"Larry Holmes is a highly skilled fighter. He would make the fight very competitive," Cayton said.

Tyson is here to watch two more potential opponents, countryman James "Quick" Tillis and Britain's Frank Bruno, who meet at Wembley Arena Tuesday.

The undefeated Tyson, who outpointed James "Bonecrusher" Smith 12 days ago, wants to fight every two months and will meet a yet undecided opponent on May 30. He described talk of a match-up with Bruno or Tillis as "preliminary."

But, if the Briton beats Tillis impressively, London-based promoter Mike Barrett has earmarked Wembley's outdoor soccer stadium as a venue for a fight against the champion in July or September.

"I have some obligations, I'm sure he (Bruno) has some obligations," Tyson said. "But it's down the road somewhere. I'm sure something will come up."

Cayton said money was the obstacle for a match-up with Holmes.

"We are having negotiations

with Larry Holmes, but they are not complete. There is not that much between us, but Larry keeps upping the figures. But I would say that he is a possibility in the not too distant future."

Cayton said Tyson also might line-up Italy's Olympic silver medalist Francesco Damiani as one of his opponents later in the year.

That fight, he said, could be one several outside the United States as Tyson takes his titles on the road.

"We want Mike to do what Muhammad Ali did, fight all over the world. We have had a visit from a Japanese delegation, possibly we will fight Damiani in Italy and possibly have a fight in Australia," Cayton said.

He said Tyson also wanted to add the International Boxing Federation title to his collection.

After Michael Spinks was stripped of the IBF title, countrymen Tony Tucker and James Douglas were lined up to meet for the vacant title on the undercard to Tyson's next fight, he said. Tyson plans to fight the winner later in the year.

Although Tillis provided Tyson with his toughest fight last May, the champion said he thought Bruno ought to win Tuesday's fight.

He said he sparred briefly with the Briton in the Catskills, N.Y., when he was 15 and remembered little of the experience.

### Karpov adjourns 10th game with advantage over Sokolov

LINARES, Spain (AP) — Anatoly Karpov adjourned the tenth game of the World Chess Championship candidates final holding an advantage over fellow Soviet grandmaster Andrei Sokolov.

Karpov leads 5.5-3.5 in the 12-game series and a win would leave him with a devastating three-point lead. A win counts one point and a draw a half point.

Karpov, playing white, thought for 21 minutes before sealing his 42nd move. The players and their trainers were expected to spend most of the night analysing the position to see if Sokolov can gain a draw.

British international master Nigel Davies said "Karpov has good winning chances. It's very unpleasant for Sokolov."

Most other chess experts agreed, but Soviet international

Master Elizar Ubilava, a member of Karpov's analysis team, said the position was "not so clear."

In the opening, Sokolov defended with a Queen's Indian defence and play followed the normal course until Karpov diverged with his 12th move.

Karpov gained pressure on the black's position by centralising his rooks, but after the queens were exchanged he annexed a large amount of territory by advancing his king-side pawns.

In the adjourned position, both sides have a rook and six pawns. Karpov also has a knight and Sokolov a bishop. Sokolov has a very weak central pawn and must defend against a likely pawn advance from white.

The winner needs 7.5 points and will challenge Soviet Grandmaster Kasparov for his world title in the autumn.

## WBA strips Hagler of world middleweight title

CARACAS (R) — The World Boxing Association (WBA) voted to strip Marvellous Marvin Hagler of his middleweight title, despite an appeal from the champion's lawyer to postpone the decision, WBA officials said.

WBA executives and fight promoters gathered in the city of Maracay, 67 miles west of the Venezuelan capital, for the opening of the organisation's new headquarters.

During the meeting, the WBA executive committee upheld a recommendation made by the championship committee last month to strip Hagler of his title because he failed to make a mandatory defence against top-ranked contender Herol Graham of Britain.

WBA President Gilberto Mendoza of Venezuela said the

American middleweight champion had bypassed the organisation's top 10 contenders for his much-publicised bout with Sugar Ray Leonard, scheduled to take place in Las Vegas on April 6.

Hagler's attorney, Morris Goldings, appealed to the executive committee to postpone the decision until after the Leonard fight. He told reporters Hagler's case was an exceptional one because of the extraordinary public interest in the bout with Leonard.

Goldings said he would seek an injunction in U.S. district court in Boston next Wednesday that would prevent the WBA from filing the middleweight title.

The Leonard-Hagler fight has been sanctioned by the World Boxing Council as a championship bout.

## American NBA roundup

### Portland edges Chicago

PORTLAND (AP) — The Bulls trailed Portland by two points in the final seconds Sunday night when Trail Blazers guard Terry Porter knocked the ball away from Michael Jordan, forcing Elston Turner to take the potential tying shot.

Turner missed, giving Portland the 115-113 National Basketball Association victory.

Turner averages 3.4 points per game compared to 36.8 for Jordan.

Kiki Vandeweghe had 28 points, Steve Johnson 24 and Clyde Drexler 23 for Portland, offsetting Jordan's 46 points and 26 points and 14 rebounds by Charles Oakley.

In other NBA games, Boston defeated New Jersey 116-104; San Antonio edged the Los Angeles Clippers 116-112 in overtime; the Los Angeles Lakers beat Sacramento 129-121.

In Los Angeles, the Lakers won its 10th straight game, one short of the NBA high this season, as Magic Johnson had 33 points, 19 assists and 12 rebounds.

The win gave Los Angeles a

19-2 record since the all-star break and was its 21st straight regular-season victory over Sacramento.

James Worthy and Byron Scott added 24 and 18 points, respectively, for Los Angeles. Reggie Miller led the Kings with 33 points, and Joe Kleine had 22.

Johnny Dawkins scored 12 points to lead a San Antonio rally from a 17-point deficit in the final 6½ minutes of regulation, then Jon Sundvold beat the L.A. Clippers with a 3-point shot with 31 seconds left in overtime.

Johnny Moore scored a season-high 25 points off the bench and Aris Gilmore had 22 points and 16 rebounds for the Spurs, while Mike Woodson had 20 points for L.A., who has lost five straight games and 11 of its last 12.

In Boston, the Celtics got 40 points from Larry Bird and fought off a late New Jersey rally to win its 22nd straight game at home.

Kevin McHale added 28 points and 10 rebounds for the Celtics. New Jersey was led by Buck Williams with 28 points and 12 rebounds.

### Briton Clark wins Moroccan golf title

RABAT (R) — Britain's Howard Clark won the Moroccan Open golf title at the Royal Dar Es Salam course after a tremendous duel with his closest friend Mark James.

Clark slipped one behind after James birdied the ninth and 10th but levelled with a birdie at the 12th and then capitalised on mistakes by James at the short 14th and 16th.

Clark finished at 72 for an eight under par 284 total Sunday to win by three from James, round in 74. Another Briton, 19-year-old Peter Baker, in his first full season as a professional, shot 68 for third place on 288.

### Nevada downs Iowa to advance to NCAA final 4

SEATTLE (AP) — Freddie Banks and Gerald Paddio came alive from 3-point range, and top-ranked Nevada-Las Vegas rallied behind a 27-4 run in the second half to beat sixth-ranked Iowa 84-81 Sunday and advance to the National Collegiate Athletic Association final four.

Banks hit three 3-pointers in the second half, while Paddio had all four of his after halftime as Nevada-Las Vegas rallied from a 19-point first-half disadvantage. UNLV has won 22 in a row to go 37-1, tying the mark for most victories in a season set last year.

Iowa had a chance to tie the score, but Kevin Gamble, who threw a pass away with 14 seconds left, missed a 23-footer as time ran out.

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## Indonesia fails to boost non-oil exports

JAKARTA (R) — Indonesia's exports outside the oil and gas sector are failing to prosper enough, to make up for the fall in revenues caused by the slump in world crude-oil prices, central bank statistics showed Monday.

Bank Indonesia's weekly statistical report shows that exports from the non-oil sector fell in 1986 to \$5,787 billion from \$5,963 billion in 1985.

This is mostly because the value of important commodity exports like rubber, palm oil and tea fell as a result of lower international prices.

Indonesia, the only Asian member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is relying on increasing its non-oil exports to make up for lost oil revenues after last year's collapse in world prices.

It devalued the rupiah by 31 per cent against the dollar in September to boost commodity exports.

Western bankers said the impact of the devaluation would probably not have had a significant effect on 1986 exports. The government expects exports in the non-oil sector to pick up in the present calendar year.

Exports of coffee showed a big jump in value to \$753 million from \$580 million in 1985, reflecting a jump in prices after a

drought in Brazil.

Rubber was down at \$625 million against \$720 million in 1985. Tin exports were valued at \$180.6 million in 1986 compared with \$246 million the previous year, the bank said.

## World Bank chief highlights difficulties

Meanwhile, World Bank President Barber Conable met 14 Indonesian cabinet ministers Monday to review the country's borrowing needs and the impact of the slump in oil prices on South East Asia's largest nation.

Mr. Conable, who sees President Suharto Tuesday, is expected by Western diplomats to press the government to maintain the momentum of economic policy change to help boost exports and revitalise domestic industry.

Indonesia, the Third World's sixth largest debtor, has received \$10.7 billion from the bank over the past 20 years.

The Jakarta Post newspaper urged Mr. Conable to prod President Suharto's government towards further economic change.

Mr. Conable declined to give details of Monday's two-hour meeting, attended by all ministers connected with development and the economy. National Development Planning Minister Johannes

Sumartini said only that the session has been "good."

On arrival in Indonesia on Saturday, Mr. Conable said the economy was being well managed, but the fall in oil prices called for major policy adjustments.

"He has come at a time," the Jakarta Post said, "when the Indonesian economy is suffering from fiscal restraints due to drastically declining oil revenues, increasing unemployment, marketing problems for its major export commodities and a bureaucratic system that still has not acquired the aggressiveness and imagination to respond to this crisis situation."

Diplomats expect Mr. Conable to be guarded in his public statements, but to push during his talks for further measures to dismantle Indonesia's high-cost protected economy.

The government has responded to the oil crunch, which slashed the value of Indonesia's oil and gas revenues by 50 per cent, by devaluing the currency, attempting to boost exports and foreign investment, while bridging its deficit with foreign borrowing.

Total overseas debts amount to around \$37 billion, with debt repayments and servicing taking a third of the budget in the coming financial year starting April 1.

## Dollar slides as dealers test currency accord

LONDON (R) — The dollar fell Monday to its lowest on the foreign exchanges since six leading industrial nations agreed in February to stabilise currency values, a pact that the market may now be about to test.

Dealers said the dollar briefly touched a low of 1.8180 West German marks, before recovering to just above 1.82 in the middle of the day. That compared with 1.87 marks less than two weeks ago.

In Tokyo, the dollar slipped below 151 yen for the first time since Jan. 28 to end the morning there at 150.88, down more than a half yen from Friday. The dollar later eased in Europe to 150.70 yen.

Gold, to which some investors resort in times of dollar uncertainty, edged higher to be fixed at \$406.60 an ounce in London, compared with a previous fix of \$404.45.

Dealers said some speculators were selling dollars, beginning to

test the industrialised nations' resolve to keep currency markets stable. The leading central banks could, if they wished, iron out disruptive dollar swings with big buy or sell orders.

Finance ministers of the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain and Canada met in Paris on Feb. 22 and said they favoured stable currencies. That followed a sharp slide by the dollar in the first weeks of 1987.

Since the Paris meeting, foreign exchange dealers have been guessing on whether the finance ministers' accord also included a secret pact to coordinate central bank intervention to stop the dollar renewing its tumble. And if it did, what rate would trigger it?

The dollar, which was more than two marks in mid-December, plunged to 1.7860 marks in January because of the sluggish performance of the U.S. economy.

The dollar fall was apparently encouraged by the United States, which hoped it would make its exports more competitive and help correct a trade deficit which in 1986 hit \$170 billion.

At the Paris meeting, the main trading surplus nations, Japan and West Germany, promised the United States that they would stimulate their economies to absorb more imports. And the United States joined in the pledge to stabilise the dollar.

The dollar then rebounded and rose to a high of 1.8715 marks on March 11.

But since then it has eased again, with the fall accelerating Monday down to around 1.82 marks, and dealers said it now looked as if the market — which still thinks the dollar may be

overvalued — might be about to make its first serious test of the central banks' post-Paris resolve. Speculators who were inclined to sell dollars, however, remained wary that, if they did so, they could be "burned" by snap central bank purchases.

The European market Monday was partly driven down by earlier dollar selling in the Far East. The tone of the market was described as jittery and cautious.

Another factor which helped push the dollar lower was a comment by U.S. Treasury Secretary James Baker in an interview on British television.

A remark by Mr. Baker that the leading industrialised nations did not set a target exchange rate for the dollar in Paris on Feb. 22 was taken as a sign that the United States might still want a weaker dollar, dealers said.

The dollar has fallen about 40 per cent over the last two years, mostly because of the September 1985 Plaza agreement in which

the Group of Five nations — the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain and France — agreed that it was overvalued.

The Reagan administration counts on improved trade figures to help it ward off congressional demands for legislation to limit imports.

Japan and West Germany, whose economies rely heavily on exports to the United States, are worried that further declines in the dollar will cause them serious damage.

At the Paris meeting, the Reagan administration agreed to stabilise the dollar in exchange for policies by Japan and West Germany to stimulate home demand in their economies so that they absorb more foreign goods.

But U.S. officials indicated that Japan and West Germany had to deliver on their side of the bargain to be sure that the United States would help arrest any new dollar fall.

## Cardinals meet to discuss Vatican's critical cash bind

VATICAN CITY (R) — Cardinals appointed by Pope John Paul to oversee Vatican finances Monday began a three-day meeting as the Holy See prepared to make a fresh appeal to the world's Roman Catholics to stem growing deficits.

It is the finance commission's first meeting since Italian magistrates issued arrest warrants last month for Archbishop Paul Marcinkus and other Vatican Bank officials over the 1982 crash of Italy's Banco Ambrosiano but a Vatican spokesman said the affair "is not on the agenda."

Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia, a commission member, has been in the forefront of churchmen who have called for clarity in Vatican finances. Ten of the 14 commission members are attending the meetings with top Vatican officials.

Cardinal Krol told reporters over the weekend that the commission had decided at its last meeting in October to send all the world's bishops audited Vatican budgets for the years up to 1984, and provisional figures for the years since.

The information, which was not yet sent, is intended to help the bishops better understand the Holy See's financial problems and explain the need for more contributions from the faithful, Vatican sources said.

The Holy See's budget deficit for 1985 grew to about \$39 million, about \$11 million over 1984. The 1986 deficit has been projected at \$56 million.

The budget concerns the church's Central Administrative

Bureaucracy, including departments for religious, diplomatic and social affairs, its radio station, newspaper and publishing house.

In recent years it has been partly covered by "Peter's Pence," the annual collection in world churches for the Pope's use. The fund, which was used for missions and charities before the Vatican's recent financial problems, amounted to \$28.5 million in 1985.

Because contributions from the faithful have had to be used to cover deficits, there have been strong calls for the Vatican to publish detailed breakdowns of the Holy See's budget instead of only general figures for income and expenditures.

"My argument has always been that if you want to keep this private you can do so if you pay your own bills. But if you're making an appeal, then credibility demands that you explain why," Cardinal Krol said.

After past commission meetings the Vatican has issued sparse budget figures and appealed to Catholics for greater generosity to help defray costs.

Vatican sources have said the Pope may this year order that full details of the budget be published for the first time but it was still not clear if this would occur after the meeting.

The Vatican Bank, which handles funds for church organisations, has no part in the Holy See's budget and is not responsible for recent deficits.

## Saudi British Bank reports lower profit

BAHRAIN (R) — Two more Saudi Arabian joint venture banks have published 1986 earnings, with Saudi British Bank reporting a 5.1 per cent drop in net profit and Saudi Investment Bank returning to the black.

The latest results mean seven of the kingdom's nine joint venture banks have now reported 1986 results.

Bankers said the overall picture is of declining earnings and continued high drain on profits from the need to build provisions against bad and doubtful loans.

The two banks still to report are the troubled Saudi Cario Bank and Bank Al Jazira.

Saudi British Bank, omitting its dividend for the second year running, said net profit fell to 8.6 million riyals (\$2.3 million) from 9.1 million (\$2.4 million) in 1985, while total assets slipped marginally to 8.16 billion riyals (\$2.2 billion).

Saudi Investment Bank reported a return to net profit, with a small 1.3 million riyals (\$330,000) for 1986 after a net loss of 15.4 million (\$4.1 million) in 1985. Assets fell 6.5 per cent to 4.27 billion riyals (\$1.1 billion).

It also omitted a dividend and bankers said a large rise in bank deposits was a sign of possible support during last year by the kingdom's central bank, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA).

SAMA has also aided Saudi Cario and United Saudi Commercial Bank (USCIB) with low cost deposits. The banks can then invest these at market rates for a profit to bolster earnings.

## 'Social debt' increases Latin American woes

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Latin America is incurring a "social debt" of falling private incomes and unmet social needs as it struggles to keep up payments on loans from other nations, an Inter American Development Bank (IADB) study says.

Austerity programmes aimed at reducing the region's \$382 billion debt have been imposed for the past few years at the urging of creditor countries and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Since 1982, money has been flowing out of the area — a reversal of the usual situation in which investment money flows from richer to poorer countries.

"As a result, 'social debt,' a term increasingly used to characterise the accumulating unmet social requirements, has risen sharply," according to the study, released Monday.

The bank is one of Latin America's biggest sources of aid.

The bank's loans in 1986 amounted to slightly more than \$3 billion, bringing its total lending to \$35.4 billion, according to the report.

Debate over additions to the huge Latin American debt is expected this week among the 44 member countries. Another major issue will be a U.S. effort to change the rules so the United States and Canada would have enough votes to block any loan by the bank.

The Latin American austerity programmes, which involve steps such as cuts in government spending and the reduction of subsidies, help the debtor governments get the money to pay interest on their debts.

Such "adjustment" efforts are often praised by U.S. Treasury Secretary James Baker and other U.S. officials.

But the programmes have had a negative domestic impact, according to the report by the development bank.

"Available data indicates that in nearly all countries, central government expenditures for social services — health, education, nutrition and housing — ... have

declined" since 1980-81, sometimes sharply, the report said.

Private incomes also have gone down, the report said, aggravating the need for government-provided social services.

The average citizen in 22 of 25 countries had a lower average income in 1986 than in 1985, it said. The lower wages and increased unemployment have made less money available for Latin Americans to buy their own social services.

In Trinidad and Tobago, the report said, the average income was \$3,085 in 1980 and fell to \$2,375 by 1985. The average Haitian had only \$359 — less than \$1 a day — in 1980. By 1985 that had dropped to \$315.

In the United States, average 1984 earnings were \$15,390, and in Switzerland \$16,330.

Only three Latin American countries — Brazil, Colombia and Panama — had higher average incomes in 1986 than in 1980.

The report found that the area continued emerging from deep depression during the year, growing at a rate of nearly four per cent, a little better than 1985's 3.5 per cent. But in two countries, Mexico and Suriname, there was a decline of four per cent.

Meanwhile, the head of the IADB called Sunday for action to reduce the interest burden on debtor nations and renew lending to them.

"There remains a great deal of room for further reducing nominal interest rates," said IADB President Antonio Ortiz Mena, noting that less credit led to an average \$38.5 billion outflow of capital between 1983-85.

Mr. Ortiz Mena's call was made in an address at the opening session of the annual meeting of the 49-nation bank.

Mr. Ortiz Mena also defended the bank's lending record, which has come under U.S. attack for not being sufficiently stringent.

The IADB meeting is taking place as management of the four-year-old debt crisis is under renewed strain after Brazil's sus-

pension of interest payments on its \$68 billion commercial bank debt last month.

Brazil, which met here Sunday with its foreign bank creditors for the first time since announcing the moratorium, says it will not sacrifice growth to pay its debt.

There are also differences between the United States and Latin America over Washington's proposals for reforms to the 27-year-old institution, which has traditionally been dominated by Latin Americans.

Mr. Ortiz Mena rejected suggestions that the IADB was oriented excessively towards the borrowing countries and described its programmes as "both effective and desirable."

On the region's debt crisis, Mr. Ortiz Mena said countries have been unable to service their obligations because of three factors beyond their control — deterioration in their terms of trade, fluctuations in world interest rates and a sharp drop in new private capital flows.

Trade protection by industrial countries, as well as falling commodity prices, meant that exports fell to less than \$80 billion in 1986 from \$98 billion in 1984, he said.

Mr. Ortiz Mena noted that lower interest rates last year brought \$5 billion in savings to the region but this was largely offset by lower commodity export prices.

At the same time, credit flows proved insufficient to compensate for the interest payments and capital restraints.

"The net flow of foreign capital into Latin America has approached \$7 billion a year during the past four years — a far cry from the bountiful stream which flowed during the mid-70s and peaked at \$49 billion in 1981," he said.

Investment has stagnated, remaining at mid-60s levels between 1984-86, bringing the region's economy virtually to a standstill, he said.

"The long-term solution to Latin America's foreign debt

problem lies in development and rapid recovery of economic growth in the region," he said.

Baker affirms stand against forgiveness of debt

On the other hand, Mr. Baker said Sunday night that any attempt to declare across-the-board debt forgiveness for major Latin American debtor nations might damage the world economy.

In an article in Monday's edition of the Miami Herald, Mr. Baker also criticised the concept of short-term debt relief, calling it a "dramatic, overnight solution."

"While these ideas may be well-intentioned and have some political appeal, they are impractical and counterproductive in the long run," he said.

The article written by Mr. Baker, chief architect of the U.S. strategy on Third World debt, was published to coincide with a three-day meeting here of the IADB.

Last month, Brazil, the Third World's largest debtor nation, declared a moratorium on interest repayments, raising doubts about the viability of the present U.S. strategy.

Brazil has given no indication of when it might resume interest payments, prompting fears that several large U.S. banks may be forced into substantial debt write-downs.

Mr. Baker pointed to positive aspects of the debt strategy, noting that private commercial banks have rescheduled nearly \$70 billion in debt since October 1985, at longer maturities and lower interest rates.

"Together with expected progress in commercial bank discussions with Argentina and, we hope, Brazil, this should add up to substantial new lending for the major Latin debtors in 1987," he wrote.

Mr. Baker also pointed to schemes such as debt-equity conversion, which he estimated accounted for \$2.5 billion last year in four of the region's major debtor countries.

## African states reaffirm need for debt relief

TAUPO, New Zealand (R) — Debt among African countries will continue to grow and their economies will remain stifled unless developed countries lower their interest rates, Nigerian Trade Minister Samaila Mamman said Monday.

The minister told an informal General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) meeting that the widening gap between developed and developing countries and an inequitable international economic system were major impediments to the growth of developing countries.

"I wish to emphasise that the growth in the volume of the external indebtedness of African countries reflects the full effects of the deflationary monetary and trade policies of the developed market economy countries," Mr. Mamman said.

"The developed market economy countries have slowed down output growth thereby drying up markets for the commodity exports of African countries," he said.

Mr. Mamman said the World Bank estimated that \$35.3 billion a year would be needed over the next five years for the African continent to be able to achieve a gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate of three to four per cent by 1990.

Yet at the same time Africa's debt service was estimated at \$24.5 billion a year between 1986 and 1990.

"With the best of intentions Africa cannot attain a three to four per cent GDP growth rate if the current high level of debt persists," Mr. Mamman said.

He said a special case for Africa should be made. Developed countries should appreciate Africa's critical economic situation and seek alternatives to policies which had resulted in the transfer of resources from Africa and increased indebtedness.

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets on Monday.

One sterling	1.6150/60	U.S. dollars
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	1.8200/10	West German marks
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	37.70/73	Belgian francs
	6.0610/40	French francs
	1294/2296	Italian lire
	150.47/54	Japanese yen
	6.3640/90	Swedish crowns
	6.8825/75	Norwegian crowns
	6.8480/8530	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	406.40/406.90	U.S. dollars

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Light profit-taking in this afternoon trading tipped share prices back from the all-time highs set at midsession. By 1530 GMT the FTSE 100 index was up nine points to 2,026.5, having touched a high of 2,028.1 at 1242 GMT. The previous intra day high of 2,021.5 was recorded on March 4.

Dealers said caution at the beginning of the new two week account period and uncertainty following three weekend opinion polls of U.K. voting intentions depressed shares early on.

But belief that the ruling Conservatives will retain power at a general election, forecast for some time this year, later prevailed and helped push prices into record territory.

One of the weekend opinion polls put the opposition Alliance parties second behind the Conservatives raising fears that the Conservatives might have their majority cut back at the next election and be hampered in governing the U.K.

A continuation of Friday's record-breaking form early on Wall Street Monday was instrumental in helping shares appreciate afresh towards the late afternoon, dealers said.

Market prices are strongly underpinned around Monday's levels and currently reflect the belief U.K. clearing bank base rates will soon fall by another 1/2 of a percentage point to 9 1/2 per cent, into single figures for the first time in over two years.

## Horoscope and Crosswords not received

## Peanuts



## Mutt'n' Jeff



## Andy Capp



## THE BETTER HALF. By Harris



## JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Meet some young healthy people

WHY DRACULA WASN'T FEELING UP TO PAR.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: HE HAD

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ROBOT HARRY SIPHON EULOGY

Answer: She always puts two and two together WHETHER THEY ARE OR NOT

# Filipino army captain arrested for military academy bombing

**MANILA (R)** — An army captain was arrested Monday over the bombing of the Philippine military academy, which was described by President Corason Aquino as an attempt to assassinate her.

Armed Forces Chief General Fidel Ramos said he had ordered the arrest following the seizure by a military team of grenades and rounds of ammunition from the house of the unnamed captain.

Investigators said the captain was an instructor at the academy and was familiar with firearms and explosives.

Four people were killed and 40 injured last Wednesday when the blast partly wrecked a grandstand where Mrs. Aquino was due to review graduating troops Sunday.

Gen. Ramos told reporters the suspected involvement of the captain "appears to be the most likely and plausible lead" in the bomb blast, near the mountain resort town of Baguio.

He said the officer had been held informally by the military since he was interrogated after the bombing.

Three other soldiers have also been held since facing questioning after the bombing, but they were not charged Monday.

Gen. Ramos said investigators had not discounted other theories, which earlier included the complicity of Communist guerrillas. The Communist New People's Army has denied any involvement.

Baguio regional military commander Brigadier-General Jesus De La Cruz told reporters investigators had found in the captain's house 30 rifle-propelled grenades, six M-203 grenades, a fragmentation grenade, a detonator, boxes of M-16 bullets and a roll of electrical wire.

The captain, Gen. De La Cruz said, told investigators the items seized from his house were being used by cadets in their training. Gen. De La Cruz earlier said

Soviet anti-tank explosives used in the blast was part of an arms shipment from China intended for rebels but intercepted by the military.

The Soviet explosive was said by investigators to have formed one of three bombs that exploded nearly simultaneously. The others were United States-made.

Mrs. Aquino, who said Sunday the bombing was the greatest threat on her life in the 13 months of her presidency, hinted on Saturday that certain military officers still loyal to deposed President Ferdinand Marcos could have been behind the bombing.

She described the incident as a "dastardly act of cowardice" and vowed to "permanently end all threats to freedom" by the close of her six-year term as president. Mrs. Aquino came to power last year following a civilian-backed military revolt that toppled Marcos's 20-year regime.

Military authorities told Reuters the captain had been arrested

"under the articles of war." They said no more-specific charges had yet been filed against him.

The elite academy has been regarded by some military analysts as a major site of lingering anti-Aquino resentment.

It voted heavily against the country's new constitution in a referendum last month widely seen as a vote of confidence in her leadership. Its former superintendent, General Jose Zume, is in hiding, sought by the authorities for involvement in alleged coup plots.

The military brought a colonel and 70 soldiers before investigators Monday in its first major step to comply with Mrs. Aquino's order to punish coup plotters.

Mrs. Aquino has vowed retribution against rebellious soldiers. Col. Oscar Canlas and his men appeared for the first time before a three-man military investigating panel to say why they should not be charged with mutiny.

Col. Canlas led a 61-hour military takeover of a major Manila television station in January.

## Brazil could build nuclear bomb in 2 years — general

**SAO PAULO (R)** — Brazil has the technical knowledge to build an atomic bomb within the next two years or so, a Brazilian general was quoted as saying.

"We do not have the objective of making an atomic bomb, but if it is necessary we are going to build it," General Haroldo Eichen Da Fonseca, who heads the army's Science and Technology Secretariat, was quoted as saying.

"Obviously with the knowledge that we are acquiring we will be in a position to do it. It is possible that this could happen in two years, if we had the resources," he told the Folha De Sao Paulo newspaper.

It was officially revealed last December that Brazil has a secret nuclear programme separate from its nuclear energy programme.

The senior official who first divulged the "parallel" programme said last week that secrecy was necessary because other countries were trying to prevent

Brazil from developing nuclear technology.

The official, Rex Nazareth, president of the National Nuclear Energy Commission, said the programme was not intended to produce a nuclear bomb.

And another general interviewed by Folha De Sao Paulo, Hernando Lomba Saotom, said in Sunday's edition that Brazil did not yet have sufficient knowledge to build nuclear bombs. Gen. Santoro is head of the army's Technical Centre.

Mr. Nazareth has said that the political decision to set up a parallel nuclear programme was taken in September 1979.

The Brazilian press reported last year that the government had built an underground site which could be used for testing nuclear weapons at the military base of Cachimbo in Amazonia.

Government officials say the Cachimbo site is not intended for nuclear weapons testing.

## 3 jump to their deaths in Manhattan apartment fire

**NEW YORK (R)** — Three young people have plunged 33 storeys to their deaths in a bid to escape from a fire which also killed four other residents of an apartment block overlooking Central Park.

Officials said two brothers and their sister who celebrated her 12th birthday Saturday had leaped from the terrace of the modern, 35-storey building in New York City's deadliest apartment fire in years.

"The bodies were sufficiently burned to the point where it would cause people to opt to jump," Fire Commissioner Joseph Spinnato said Sunday. "They were suffering."

Officials said the fire apparently began in a rubbish compactor in the basement and shot through a garbage chute to the upper floors. They said the building, which had no fire escapes, was designed to prevent such fires and it was unclear why it had happened.

"All we can speculate is that the fire from below somehow cooked for a period of time and

then broke out on the upper floors," Spinnato said.

A body tentatively identified as the mother of the jumping victims was found in the apartment from which they leaped while three other people were found dead in the flat above.

Officials said hundreds of people were evacuated from the building even though the major damage was confined to the 33rd and 34th floors.

Twenty-five people were treated for smoke inhalation, one of whom was reported in critical condition at a hospital, officials said.

The first alarm was sounded early Sunday morning, officials said, but firefighters thought the fire was in a rubbish compactor in the basement and did not realise flames were beginning to billow from windows on upper stories in the rear of the building until 20 minutes later.

All of the gutted apartments abutted the garbage chute running from the basement to the roof of the building.

## Zia: Pakistan can build A. bomb 'if it wished'

**NEW YORK (R)** — Pakistan could build a nuclear bomb "whenever it wishes," President Mohammed Zia Ul Haq was quoted as saying.

"Pakistan has the capability of building the bomb. You can write today that Pakistan can build a bomb whenever it wishes. Once you have acquired the technology, which Pakistan has, you can do whatever you like," Gen. Zia said in an interview with the Time magazine.

Gen. Zia said, however, that Pakistan has no actual plans to make nuclear weapons.

The Pakistani president said: "What's the difficulty about building a bomb? We have never said we are incapable of doing

this. We have said we have neither the intention nor the desire."

Gen. Zia said Pakistan had not enriched its uranium above the level required for peaceful purposes.

"I give an assurance that Pakistan is not indulging in a nuclear experiment for military purposes. I am responsible for honouring that commitment," he said.

The United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China admit to having nuclear arsenals.

Speaking about India-Pakistan relations, Gen. Zia said: "Both sides wish the relationship was happier. This is not the reality. But you cannot rule out another confrontation, whether it is deliberate or not."

## U.S. conducts military exercise in Honduras

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The United States is about to conduct a major military exercise in Central America involving thousands of American troops, a U.S. military official has said.

The official, who spoke on condition he not be identified, said the operation, called Solid Shield, would involve sending American troops to Honduras and other places in the region.

But the official denied that the exercise was timed to coincide with what American officials have called a spring offensive by U.S.-supported contra rebels in Nicaragua. He said the American operation is conducted in the area every other year.

"That's a routine exercise," the official said. "Obviously it's been in the planning stages for a long period of time."

The United States has conducted similar operations in Central America in the last four years.

The official said the number of troops involved in the Honduran portion of the exercise "would involve something less than 10,000 U.S. participants, and a majority of those would be forces afloat." He would not elaborate.

Pentagon spokesman Lt.-Col. Keith Schneider would not comment on the planned American operation, other than to say he expected an announcement on it soon.

## Bush expresses support for Ecuadorean president

**QUITO, Ecuador (AP)** — Vice President George Bush has said the United States will help Ecuador rebuild bridges destroyed by a wave of earthquakes and help it find aid to alleviate an estimated \$1 billion worth of damage.

Mr. Bush also expressed U.S. support for President Leon Febres Cordero, who has come under increasing criticism for austerity measures imposed after the March 5-6 earthquakes in this small Andean nation.

"It is dramatically important to us as friends and as great supporters of democracy here that he (Febres Cordero) finish his term,

and one message I got loud and clear was his determination to finish his term," Mr. Bush said at a news conference at the end of a 4½-hour visit.

Mr. Febres Cordero was kidnapped and held briefly in January by commandos loyal to an air force general who tried to overthrow the government a year ago. His four-year term ends in August 1998.

Mr. Bush was surrounded by tight security following violent student demonstrations last week against austerity measures that included increases in the price of fuel and public transportation.

## Indonesian foreign minister campaigns in East Timor

**JAKARTA (R)** — New moves by Portugal and high-profile campaigning by Indonesia's foreign minister have directed fresh attention to the disputed territory of East Timor in the run-up to Indonesian general elections.

Guerrillas fighting Indonesia's annexation of the former Portuguese colony say troops have launched new attacks against rebels there ahead of polling on April 23.

Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja, chairman of the ruling Golkar Party, is campaigning personally on the island to emphasise Jakarta's view that East Timor is an integral part of Indonesia.

He has rejected suggestions of a military build-up in the territory, telling reporters the situation is normal.

Libson, annoyed by Indonesia's refusal to allow four East

Timorese university students to go to Portugal after taking refuge last year in the Dutch embassy in Jakarta, is attempting to use its membership of the European Community to broaden support on the issue.

Diplomats say that Portugal, still recognised by the United Nations as the administrative power in East Timor, is trying to get the community to back its demand that the 600,000 East Timorese be granted the right of self-determination.

Other community members are reluctant to be dragged into a Lisbon-Jakarta dispute when they are trying to win lucrative trade deals with Indonesia.

Indonesia annexed East Timor in 1975, saying the Portuguese had abandoned their responsibilities on the island, which grows good quality coffee.

## China, Portugal to sign Macao pact on Thursday

**PEKING (R)** — Details of Monday's agreement to hand over Portuguese-ruled Macao to China will be released after the official signing in Peking on Thursday, Portuguese Ambassador to Peking Octavio Valerio said.

Mr. Valerio earlier told reporters that the tiny territory would be returned to Chinese rule on Dec. 20, 1999, but gave no further details.

A statement issued at 5 p.m. Monday (0900 GMT) did not give details of the agreement as earlier expected.

China has said repeatedly it wants Macao returned to its control before the end of the century.

"We are very happy with the results," Mr. Valerio said after four days of negotiations in the Chinese capital. The talks were the fourth in a series on the Macao question.

The talks had been expected to focus on the status of the 40,000 Portuguese passport-holders among Macao's 400,000 residents.

Asked if the issue of nationality after the Chinese takeover had

been a problem in the talks, Mr. Valerio replied: "It was one of them."

China traditionally opposes granting dual nationality to its citizens and requires holders of foreign passports to give up their Chinese citizenship.

The Peking government wanted to obtain a settlement on Macao in time to announce it at the 1987 session of its National People's Congress, or parliament, which opens on Wednesday.

Lisbon does not dispute China's claim to the territory on the South China coast, controlled by Portugal for more than 400 years, and is believed to have offered to hand it over twice before.

The 1984 Sino-British agreement providing for the return of Hong Kong to China in 1997 paved the way for formal talks, which began last year on Macao's future.

"Our visit has been very cordial and harmonious," said Mr. Valerio after the final four-day round of Peking negotiations.

## Another contra leader quits umbrella group

**SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP)** — The leader of the Nicaraguan rebels' southern fighting force says he is quitting the main contra umbrella group, charging that a "clique" has seized control of the anti-Sandinista movement.

Fernando Chamorro, who also leads one of several anti-Sandinista political parties in exile, is the third major rebel figure in recent weeks to announce his resignation from the United Nicaraguan Opposition (UNO).

His departure also adds further to the disarray on the contra's southern front, where bickering over shares of U.S. aid has resulted in formation of numerous military splinter groups.

Chamorro's brief statement Sunday followed the weekend revelation that U.S. Lt.-Col. Oliver North arranged for two rebel political parties to receive \$100,000 in private donations from the fall of 1985 to October 1986.

Alfonso Robelo, one of the

United Nicaraguan Opposition's three directors, said the money was "split in equal parts" between his own party, the Nicaragua Democratic Movement, and Chamorro's Nicaraguan Democratic Union.

Both parties were members of the United Nicaraguan Opposition, made up of about 12 labour, business and political groups brought together by the U.S. government in early 1985 to coordinate the fight against Nicaragua's Sandinista government.

Chamorro could not be located Sunday to comment on the report or to elaborate on his resignation.

His statement said he was taking both his party and his Nicaraguan Revolutionary Armed Forces out of the umbrella group because he did "not want to play into the hands of... personalities in an arriviste (upstart) clique that has appointed itself leader of the Nicaraguan resistance." He mentioned no names.

## Tutu mission offers little chance of guerrilla truce

**JOHANNESBURG (R)** — Anti-apartheid campaigner Archbishop Desmond Tutu has apparently failed to persuade black militants to halt their guerrilla war in South Africa.

Tutu, back home Monday after a surprise weekend peace mission to Zambia, conferred with South African guerrilla leaders in a trip that appeared likely to embroil him in further dispute with the Pretoria government.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner, who advocates non-violent methods in the black struggle against apartheid race discrimination, urged African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla leaders in Lusaka to consider a ceasefire.

The ANC, which has waged a spasmodic bombing campaign in South Africa, responded that armed struggle was forced on the organisation, Tutu said.

"Both groups (the ANC and Pretoria) are holding pistols 'at one another's head,'" Tutu told reporters on his return.

Tutu's trip was announced as he took off for Lusaka on Friday night. There was no reaction from Pretoria over the weekend but the white-led government was expected to denounce the talks.

It has attacked previous visits to ANC headquarters by politicians and businessmen and the

mission came at a time when the government is stepping up anti-ANC propaganda.

The ruling National Party (NP) is seeking to make security a big issue in the campaign for next May's whites-only general election. Statements by the ANC leadership are banned in South Africa and recently Pretoria used emergency powers to outlaw advertisements which explain the organisation's aims.

Tutu hugged ANC President Oliver Tambo in Lusaka and told reporters here that it was an impressive organisation.

"These are not blood-thirsty vampires but people who love South Africa... It saddens me that people in this country are not given opportunity to encounter the ANC as they really are," he said.

He reiterated he shared the ANC's objectives but not the use of violence. The archbishop commented that while Pretoria says the ANC has killed more than 80 people in South Africa since 1976, it acknowledges its own troops have shot dead over 1,000 in curbing black political unrest.

Tutu said in Lusaka he also discussed black-on-black violence that has wracked South African townships and the forthcoming election.

## 8 Sri Lankans killed as hopes for peace talks revive

**COLOMBO (Agencies)** — Eight Sri Lankans were killed in clashes between troops and rebels even as hopes for renewed peace talks between India and Sri Lanka were revived.

A government statement said Monday four soldiers were killed in a rebel mortar attack on two sentry posts in Jaffna.

One soldier was killed and three were injured when rebels attacked government offices in Pannedawachchiya in the eastern district of Trincomalee.

The statement added that three rebels were killed and one injured when security forces raided a hideout belonging to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the main guerrilla group.

Peace hopes were raised Monday. Government sources said a presidential emissary would go to India to pave the way for India's resumed mediation in the Tamil rebellion.

Sources said Lands Development Minister Gani Dinanayake would resume negotiations between India and Sri Lanka, which broke off 10 days ago.

The independent Colombo newspaper the Sun reported Monday that Mr. Dinanayake was expected to leave for New Delhi this week for talks aimed at a ceasefire.

India last month announced it would only resume mediation between the Sri Lankan government and the Tamil rebels if Colombo lifted a fuel and communications embargo on the rebel-controlled Jaffna peninsula, suspended military operations in the north and east and adhered to proposals agreed in December as a basis for peace talks.

Sri Lankan troops are trying to quell a guerrilla war launched in 1983 by minority Tamils for a separate homeland in the northern and eastern provinces.

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### 1st test tube quadruplets born in Hamburg

**HAMBURG, West Germany (R)** — West Germany's first test tube quadruplets were born in Hamburg's University Clinic, a spokesman has said. He said the 29-year-old mother could not conceive naturally because of a deformation of her Fallopian Tubes and the in vitro method was used to fertilise several eggs which were removed from her ovaries. The fertilised eggs were then replanted, he said. The three girls and a boy are healthy but will have to spend some time in an incubator because they weigh only between one and 1.2 kilograms, he added.

### New zoo opened in Saudi Arabia

**RIYADH (R)** — A new zoo, with about 850 animals from over 100 different species, was opened here by Riyadh's governor Prince Salman bin Abdul Aziz, the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported. It cost 125 million riyals (\$34.4 million) to build and replaces an older enclosure. Saudi Arabia has two smaller zoos at Jeddah and Taif in the western province.

### A Room With a View wins award

**LONDON (R)** — The popular British film A Room With a View has gained top honours from the prestige British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA). Based on E.M. Forster's novel of the same name about Edwardian social convention standing in the way of young love, it was named best film for 1986. Maggie Smith won the Best Actress Award for her role as the heroine's prudish chaperone and Judi Dench took Best Supporting Actress for her performance as a flamboyant romantic novelist. Bob Hoskins, a nominee for an American Oscar, was voted Best Actor for his role as the minder to a young London prostitute in Mona Lisa. American film-maker and Actor Woody Allen picked up two awards for Best Director and Best Original Screenplay in Hannah and Her Sisters. The accolade for Best Supporting Actor went to Ray McAnally who played a cardinal in The Mission, a film about the struggle between church and state during Spain's imposition of Catholicism on Latin America.

### Church of England ordains 71 women

**LONDON (R)** — The largest ordination of women in Christian history took place at London's St. Paul's Cathedral. The Bishop of London, the Right Reverend Graham Leonard, ordained 71 women deacons — who can carry out all the duties of a priest except formal blessings, communion and absolving sins. The ordination follows a controversial Church of England synod vote last month to draw up legislation for the ordination of women as priests. Bishop Leonard is in favour of women deacons but was among opponents of their ordination as priests. The opponents said the 400-year-old Church of England would face a serious split if the legislation went through. Women have been accepted as deacons in the Anglican Church since 1980. Church officials say it will be another five years before ordination of women priests begins.

### Gummen steal \$2m worth of jewelry

**NEW YORK (R)** — Two robbers fled with five cartons of gold jewelry valued at \$2 million after a daylight holdup at a wholesalers, police said. A spokesman said the robbers took earrings, necklaces, gold chains and spoons of gold chain wire from the G T Chains Company in Manhattan after forcing the owner to open the vault at gunpoint. The owner and eight employees were handcuffed or tied by the gun-wielding robbers who loaded the jewelry in boxes onto a trolley and fled in a car, police said.

### Zia revokes flogging orders

**ISLAMABAD (R)** — Pakistani President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq has revoked flogging sentences ordered by military courts before he ended martial law 15 months ago. A government statement said the remission, granted to mark National Day Monday, would apply to "all military court cases of... convicts undergoing imprisonment." Gen. Zia also ordered one month's remission in prison sentences passed by military court except those for "subversion, anti-state activities and espionage," it said. No official estimate was immediately available of the number of prisoners that would benefit from the remission, the first given by Gen. Zia since he ended eight and a half years of martial law in December 1985. But a spokesman for the opposition Pakistan People's Party (PPP) said earlier that 200 political prisoners sentenced during the martial law regime were still in jail.

### AIDS menace breaks Confucian taboos

**SEOUL (R)** — Lovers in Confucian South Korea still face arrest for kissing in the street, but the AIDS threat is rapidly breaking down age-old taboos preventing public discussion of sex. A Health Ministry booklet issued Monday reassures Koreans they will not catch the killer disease by kissing or shaking hands, swapping glasses at parties or visiting bathhouses. The ministry, which plans to distribute 600,000 booklets, warned people against sharing a toothbrush or a razor and against sexual contact with strangers. The menace of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), which stops the body fighting infection, has been taken seriously in South Korea since the death in February of a 62-year-old man suspected of carrying the virus. His was the country's first AIDS-linked death. Two men and three women are known to be ill with the disease. Fears of an AIDS epidemic in South Korea, which hopes to welcome many thousands of foreign tourists next year for the Seoul Olympic Games, prompted the government recently to announce plans for a tough anti-AIDS law. The measure would punish anyone responsible for spreading the virus with up to two years in jail.

### French anti-porn drive called a 'mistake'

**PARIS (R)** — French Culture Minister Francois Leotard, distancing himself from a government anti-pornography drive, has described efforts to ban certain magazines as an "astonishing political error." Speaking in a radio interview, Mr. Leotard expressed embarrassment over efforts by cabinet colleague Charles Pasqua, the interior minister, to clean up France's newspaper shops and kiosks. Mr. Pasqua's ministry has already banned five sex and pin-up magazines from public display and distribution under a controversial 1949 law protecting minors. Five other publications, including the popular homosexual weekly Gai-Pied, the French edition of Penthouse and a photography journal, have been threatened with the same ban, which is usually imposed only on hard-core pornography. "It is an error to consider that the magazine photo could offend the conscience of anybody," Mr. Leotard said, describing the threat against this and other publications as "an entirely astonishing political error." The 1949 legislation allows officials to restrict magazine sales by administrative order without going through the courts. The crackdown has provoked ridicule and protest across the political spectrum, with leading right-wing politicians and President Francois Mitterrand, a Socialist, all voicing opposition. But Interior Minister Pasqua has pledged to press ahead with the drive, telling Gaullist Party militants: "As long as the law exists, I have the duty to see it is applied."

## GOREN BRIDGE

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**THE SKILL OF THE MASTER**

Both vulnerable. West deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ 103  
♥ 8  
♦ A 10 4 3  
♣ K 10 7 6 4

**WEST**  
♠ 7 5  
♥ A Q J 7 3 2  
♦ 9 8 5  
♣ 9 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 6  
♥ K 10 6 4  
♦ K Q J 6  
♣ Q 5

The bidding:  
West North East South  
2♥ Pass Pass Dble  
Pass 3♣ Pass 3NT  
Opening lead: Nine of ♦

If, ten years ago, you had taken a poll to find the world's best bridge player, Giorgio Belladonna would have been one of the favorites. Although he plays little competitive bridge these days, this hand proves that he has not lost any of his skill.

West's weak two heart opening bid made life difficult for Belladonna in the balancing seat. He tried to

solve his problem by first making a takeout double and then bidding three no trump over North's three club response.

The top-of-nothing opening lead did not do anything to help declarer's cause. Declarer won in hand and led the queen of clubs, continuing the suit to the ten when East held up. East took his jack and ten and won with the jack. West reverted to a diamond, taken by declarer. How would you continue?

Belladonna made no mistake: he returned a heart! That shattered the defense. Had West won and taken his ace of hearts, the king of hearts and fourth diamond later would have squeezed East in the black suits—he would not have been able to hold three spades and the ace of clubs. However, the defense did no better when West did not cash his ace of hearts, for the heart return had broken the defenders' line of communication. East now was out of hearts, so declarer could use the diamond entries to the table to set up and run the clubs. He lost only two club tricks and two hearts.

belladonna